



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.11.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.21360 of 2021

Boopathi

... Petitioner

Vs.

State by,
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.142 of 2021)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in the case pending investigation in Crime No.142 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Thamaraiselvan

For Respondent : Mr.N.S.Suganthan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Section 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Schedule Commodities (Regulation of Distribution Through Card System) order 1982 r/w. Section 7(1)(a)ii of the Essential Commodities Act in Crime No.142 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution that the petitioner along with other accused persons involved in illegal transportation of 1200 kg of PDS rice, without obtaining any permission from the concerned authorities. Hence, the Law Enforcing Agency registered a case against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that co-accused had already been released on bail. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice his rights, on his own volition, is ready and willing to



contribute a sum of Rs.20,000/- to the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Salem District. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner along with other accused persons had illegally transported 1200 kg of PDS rice. He further submitted that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner. He further submitted that the investigation is almost completed. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that co-accused had already been released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Salem on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioner shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) to the credit of the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Salem District, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and submit the proof of payment of the said amount before the aforesaid learned Judicial Magistrate, who after perusing the challan/ receipt/acknowledgement, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

[b] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioner is directed to report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of eight weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.



[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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16/11/2021

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE- II,
SALEM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SALEM DISTRICT (FOR INFORMATION).

3 THE INSEPCTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE CLERK ASSOCIATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S R.THAMARAI SELVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.12831

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