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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.12.2021

CORAM:

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

Crl.O.P.No.22999 of 2021

Raja

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID, Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri District.
Crime No: 167 of 2021.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C praying to grant bail to the petitioner in Crime No. 167 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner : Mr.A.Balamurugan

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

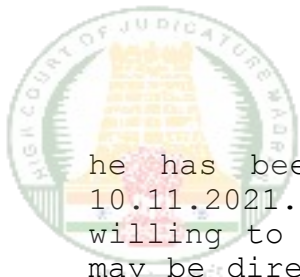
ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 10.11.2021 for the offences under **Sections 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) order, 1992 and Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955** in Crime No.167 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 10.11.2021 at about 5.00 a.m, when the Special Tahsildar along with other subordinates was conducting vehicle checkup, the petitioner was found in possession of 2500 Kgs of Public Distribution Rice worth about Rs.14,125/- without having any valid licence from the State Government. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case and that



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he has been suffering incarceration for more than 25 days from 10.11.2021. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- to any Charitable Institute as may be directed by this Court and he would pray for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate raised objection stating that the petitioner was found illegally transporting 2,500 Kgs of PDS rice worth about Rs.14,125/- to Bangalore without any valid documents and the investigation is almost completed.

5. In order to curb the illegal activities and considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall be directed to make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)**, to the credit of the **Registered Legal Services Authority, Krishnagiri District**, without prejudice to his rights and contentions. The amount so deposited shall be utilised by the Authority for the welfare of the poor litigants.

6. It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioner to the said Authority would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of bail.

7. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and investigation almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing bonds for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate -I, Krishnagiri**, and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioner shall make non-refundable deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** through demand draft to the **Registered Legal Services Authority, Krishnagiri District**, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(b) 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 shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(e) 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]**; and;

(g) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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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,
NO.I, KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID, KRISHNAGIRI,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, SALEM.



6 THE REGISTERED LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
KRISHNGIRI DISTRICT

+1 CC to M/S.A.BALAMURUGAN Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.13814

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