



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.12.2021

CORAM:

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

Crl.O.P.No.24842 of 2021

Gnanavel

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by the Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.784 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.784 of 2021 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Salem Town Police Station, Salem District.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Vasudevan

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

ORDER

The petitioner who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.12.2021 for the offences under Section 273, 328, 511 IPC and Section 57, 59 of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and Section 6, 24, (1) of Cigarette and other tobacco products Act 2003, (COTPA Act 2003) in Crime No.784 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons was found in illegal possession of various brands of banned tobacco produces worth about Rs.3,000/- in the Angu coffee bar, in which, the petitioner is working as Cashier. Hence, the complaint.



3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioner, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.5,000/- to any Charitable Purpose as may be directed by this Court. He further submits that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration for more than 15 days from 05.12.2021. Hence, he seeks for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submits that the petitioner along with other accused persons was found in illegal possession of various brands of banned tobacco produces worth about Rs.3,000/- and the investigation was almost completed. However, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and also the fact that the investigation was almost completed and the petitioner has willfully and on his own volition agreed to contribute a sum of Rs.5,000/- for charitable purpose, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 learned Judicial Magistrate -I, Salem and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) to the Registered Advocates Clerks Association, Salem, Salem District within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below;

(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 station on every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(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]; and;

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

-sd/-

20/12/2021

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,
NO.I, SALEM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SALEM [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SALEM TOWN POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT

4 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, SALEM.

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

6 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE,
CLERK ASSOCIATION,
SALEM, SALEM DISTRICT.

CC to M/S B.VASUDEVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :20/12/2021

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