



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 15/04/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP (MD) . No.5135 of 2021

M.Velmuthu @ Veilmuthu ... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Manur Police Staiton,
Tirunelveli District
Cr No.162/2021.. ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Pragalathan.N.,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Erottuchamy,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in crime No. 162/2021 on the file of the
respondent Police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A1, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section
379 of IPC(Sand theft) in Crime No.162 of 2021, seeks anticipatory
bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and other
accused illegally transported one unit of red sand by using
petitioner's vehicle bearing registration No.TN-39 D 0231. Hence,
the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the
petitioner is innocent and he did not commit any offence as alleged
by the prosecution. He would also submit that no previous case is
pending against the petitioner.

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4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the



respondent police strongly opposed this petition on the ground that the vehicle and sand were seized on the spot and on seeing the search party headed by defacto complainant, the petitioner and other occupants escaped from the scene of crime.

5. It is seen that illegal and indiscriminate sand mining has become a threat to the worldwide environment. It leads to changes in river channel form, physical habitats and food webs. It also increases the velocity of flow in river which destroy flow-regime eventually erodes the river banks. Removal of vegetation and destruction of the soil profile destroys habitat above and below the ground and faunal population decrease. Not only that, sand mining causes sinking of water tables in the nearby areas and as a result, ground water table drops leaving the drinking water wells on the embankments of these rivers dry.

6. This offence of illegal mining is not only an offence against any particular individual, but against the Society at large. It affects not only the present population, but the posterity as well. In this view of the matter, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MANUR POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

2 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

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