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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/04/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP(MD) . No.5463 of 2021

1. Ramamoorthy
2. Lakshmanan
3. Gururaj

... Petitioners/A-4, A-5 & A-6

Vs

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kayathar,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No. 198/2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Murugesan.M.,
Advocate.

For Respondent : M/s.M.Anandha Devi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

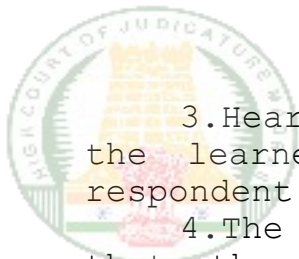
PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 198 of 2021 on the file of the respondent Police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who are arrayed as A4 to A6, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 379 of I.P.C., and Section 21(1) of the Tamil Nadu Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.198 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were said to have illegally transported sand by using Tipper lorry bearing registration No.TN 72 BP 2193 and JCB bearing registration No. TN 32 AE 8939. Hence, a complaint has been registered.



3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioners are not having any bad antecedent. He further submitted that even in the FIR, the nature of the sand and quantity of the sand are not mentioned by the respondent Police. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners and the fact that in the FIR, the nature of the sand and quantity of the sand are not mentioned by the respondent Police, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners shall jointly draw a demand draft in favour of Dean, Government Medical College Hospital, Thoothukudi, for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court. The petitioners shall produce the proof of remittance / submission of Demand Draft to Dean while executing sureties. On acknowledgment of the same by the Dean, Government Medical College Hospital, Thoothukudi, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioners 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;

(b) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/> (c) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness



either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(e) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/ Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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;

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

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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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.II,
KOVILPATTI, THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
2. DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KAYATHAR, THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.



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