



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : **28/04/2021**

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble **Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN**

CRL OP(MD) . No.6049 of 2021

Manikandan @ Mani

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Devipattinam Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.106 of 2021).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Ananda Raj,
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.106 of 2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Sole Accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 of IPC (Sand theft) and Section 21(1) of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.106 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 30.03.2021, at about 12.30 p.m., when the respondent police were on routine rounds, the petitioner illegally transported one unit of savudu sand by using the vehicle, namely Tractor bearing Registration No.TN-67-T-6854. Hence, the complaint.



3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution.

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.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,
DEVIPATTINAM POLICE STATION,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.

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

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