



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 29/04/2021

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP (MD) No.6083 of 2021

1.Arjunan
2.Chelladurai

... Petitioners/Accused
Rank Not Known

Vs

The State rep by its
The Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Taluk Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(Crime No.117 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : MR.M.S.JEYAKARTHIK,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.Kr.Bharathi Kannan,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

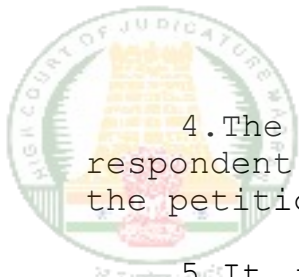
For Anticipatory bail in Crime No.117 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379 IPC and Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.117 of 2021, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners and other accused said to have illegally transported one unit of sand by using tractor bearing registration No.TN 63 BZ 2206. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they 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 petitioners herein involved in a serious offence of sand theft.

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 petitioners. 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,
DEVAKOTTAI TALUK POLICE STATION,
SIVAGANGA DISTRICT.

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

ORDER
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