



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.6115 of 2021

Shanmugakumar

... Petitioner/Accused No.4

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Vellanur Police Station,
Pudukottai District.
(Crime No.69 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Balasubramanian,
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.69 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 IPC and Sections 21(1) and 21(2) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.69 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the other accused said to have illegally transported four unit of sand by using the petitioner's vehicle. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he is not present at the time of occurrence.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police strongly opposed this petition on the ground that

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the accused illegally transported four units of sand by using the petitioner's vehicle.

5.It is submitted by the petitioner's counsel that the petitioner is not present at the time of occurrence. However, this aspect to be decided only at the time of trial. 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,
VELLANUR POLICE STATION, PUDUKOTTAI DISTRICT.
2. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

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