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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26/05/2021

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP (MD) No.6991 of 2021

P.Venkatachalam

... Petitioner/Accused No.2

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Palayamkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District,
Crime No. 294/2021

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Ramasamy.R.,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.Ravi,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 294 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 offences punishable under Sections 379 I.P.C, in Crime No.294 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Heard both sides.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported the 5 units of Jalli by using Tipper Lorry. Hence, this case has been registered.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and the petitioner has been



falsely implicated in the present case and hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, would submit that the petitioner along with other accused persons trying to illegally transport 5 units of Jalli worth about Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only) and the properties have been recovered.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that the properties have been recovered and also considering the impact of Covid-19 pandemic situation and the consequent efforts not to congest the prisons, this Court is of the view that the arrest of the petitioner at this point of time is not necessary and not warranted in the interest of public at large, hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. The petitioner shall be released in the event of arrest by the respondent police or on his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Tirunelveli, within a period of one month from the date of resumption of regular work in the Court below, to be released on bail on execution of bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the concerned Judicial Magistrate and on further conditions that:

[a] 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 petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) to the credit of Government of Tamil Nadu, CMPRF in IOB, Secretariat Branch, Chennai-9 (Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFSC Code: IOBA0001172), within a period of two weeks without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A 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.I, TIRUNELVELI.
2. DO-THROUGH : THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PALAYAMKOTTAI POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
IN
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