



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 17/06/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP(MD)No.7923 of 2021

1. Thetchana Moorthy
2. Ukkirapandi @ Ukkirapandiyan ... Petitioners/Accused 1 and 2

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Keelaselvanoor Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.71 of 2021) ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners: Mr.D.Venkatesh,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.71 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 4(1)(aaa), 4(1)(i) of the Tamilnadu Prohibition Act(Toddy) in Crime No.71 of 2021, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 29.05.2021, at about 07.00 am., when the police party were involved in search, they found the petitioners in illegal possession of 108 liters of toddy. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police opposed this petition on the ground that investigation is pending. However, he conceded that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners.



5. Taking note of the fact that material witnesses are official witnesses, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Kadaladi on condition that the petitioner 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 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 make a non-refundable deposit for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (**Rupees Fifteen Thousand only**) each 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 his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Kadaladi;

[c] the petitioners shall report before respondent police daily at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners shall not abscond 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 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter abscond, 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, KADALADI.
2. DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KEELASELVANOOR POLICE STATION,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

COPY TO:

THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC RELIEF FUND,
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9.

ORDER

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