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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 01.07.2021

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP (MD) No.8503 of 2021

Pandi @ Pandiarajan

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Srirangam Police Station,
Trichy City.
Crime No.486/2021

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathya Chithambaram

For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam,

Counsel for Government of TamilNadu
(Criminal Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime no.486 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 Sections 4(1)(a), 4(1-A) and 4(1)(g) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.486 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 09.06.2021, when the police party was engaged in prevention of illicit liquor, they got information that illicit liquor is being prepared on the south of Kaveri river bank. At about 08.00 am, they found the accused preparing illicit liquor using barrel and found 100 litres of wash and 15 litres of illicit liquor. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he is falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused had been



arrested and released on bail in Cr.M.P.No.1906 of 2021, dated 23.06.2021. Therefore, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Counsel for the Government of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed this petition on the ground that investigation is pending.

5. Considering the fact that the witnesses in this case are mostly official witnesses and the fact that co-accused had been arrested and released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Srirangam on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) 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 petitioner 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 petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) to the credit of Advocate Clerk's Welfare Association, Madurai-625 023 (Indian Bank Savings Account No.496039124, IFSC Code: IDIB000H040), within a period of two weeks without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the concerned Court while executing sureties;

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

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

[e]the petitioner 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 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 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, SRIRANGAM.
2. DO-THROUGH : THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TRICHY DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SRIRANGAM POLICE STATION,
TRICHY CITY.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

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