



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 03/08/2021

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI

CRL OP(MD). No.10514 of 2021

Ponnusamy,

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The Inspector of Police,  
Thuvakudi Police Station,  
Trichy District.  
(Crime No.449/2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Ramsundarvijayraj S,  
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.T.Senthilkumar,  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.439 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

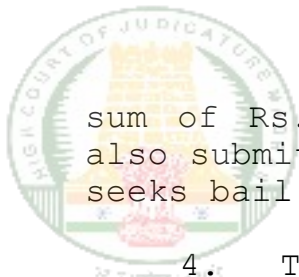
For Bail in Crime No.449/2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A1 herein was arrested on 25.07.2021 for the alleged offences under Sections 379 I.P.C r/w 21(4) of Mines Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, in Crime No.449 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was illegally collecting sand from a pond by using his own vehicle namely JCB bearing Registration No.TN-81-W-2075 and Tipper Lorry bearing Registration No.TN-81-V-2299.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and a false case has been foisted against him. He would submit that the petitioner show his bona fide, he has come forward to pay a



sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. He would also submit that the petitioner is in jail from 25.07.2021, hence he seeks bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the petitioner is not having any bad antecedents.

5. Considering the period of incarceration and also the fact that the petitioner is not having any bad antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Tiruchirappalli and on further condition 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 shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as non refundable amount to the account of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The petitioner shall execute the sureties on showing the receipt of the said amount.**

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

[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.

7.It is needless to say that any tool or instrument or vehicle used for illegal quarrying/ transportation of sand is liable to be seized under Section 21(4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act and if any vehicle or instrument or tool which has been seized under Section 21 (4) of the Mines and Minerals



(Development & Regulation) Act is liable to be confiscated under Section 21(4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act.

8. Though the above provision mandates the authorities to confiscate the tool or instrument or vehicle involved in the commission of the offence of illegal quarrying / transportation of sand, the authorities, have not invoked the provision of 21 (4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957 and therefore, a Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.19936 of 2016, etc., batch has emphasised the need for confiscation of the vehicles. Consequently, the Government has also issued certain directions to the authorities of Revenue, Police and Forest and Geology and Mining departments to seize the vehicles and for confiscation of the same in G.O.Ms.No.170, Industries MMC-II Department, dated 05.08.2020 and therefore, the respondent police is directed to proceed further as per Section 21 (4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act and as per the guide lines issued in G.O.Ms.No.170, Industries MMC-II Department, dated 05.08.2020.

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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.VI, Tiruchirappalli.
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,  
Trichy District.
3. The Superintendent,  
Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli.
4. The Inspector of Police,  
Thuvakudi Police Station

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5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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