



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

Date : 03/08/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI
CRL OP(MD)No.10518 of 2021

Pandiyar @ Rathinapandian,

... Petitioner/1st Accused

Vs

The State rep. By
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Somarasampet Police Station, Trichy
District. (Crime No. 1174 of 2020).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Lenin Kumar T,
Advocate.

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

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 1174 of 2020 on the file of
the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

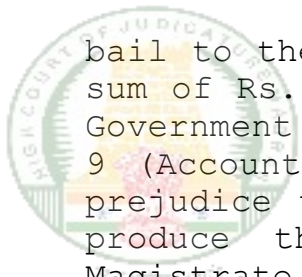
The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section
379 IPC r/w Section 21(4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and
Regulation)Act, 1957 in Crime No.1174 of 2020, seeks anticipatory
bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 05.11.2020, when the
respondent police was on surveillance duty, they inspected a lorry
bearing registration No.TN-31-F-6414 and found three units of sand.
There is no valid permit for transporting the same. Hence, the
present case has been registered.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the
petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated
in this case.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the
respondent police submitted that three units of sand were illegally
transported by using lorry and the petitioner herein was travelling
along with driver. He further submitted that the petitioner has no
previous case pending against him.

5.Considering the fact that the petitioner has not involved in
any other offences, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory



bail to the petitioner on condition that the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Forty Five 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), without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.5, Trichy.

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6. On depositing the above said amount, 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 No.5, Trichy, 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions 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 Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

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

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

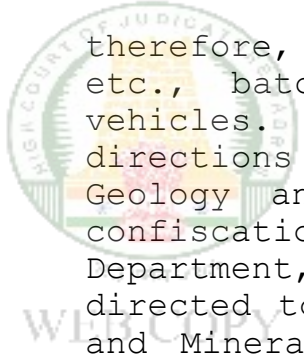
[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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]**.

[f] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A 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, 1957 and any vehicle or instrument or tool which has been seized under Section 21 (4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, is liable to be confiscated under Section 21(4-A) of the 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. Therefore, the respondent police is directed to proceed further as per Section 21 (4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and as per the guidelines 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.5, Trichy.
- 2.Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Trichy.
- 3.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Somarasampet Police Station,
Trichy District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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ORDER
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