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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06.10.2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI

CRL OP(MD)No.12452 of 2021

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... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Poolankuruchi Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(Crime No.25/2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.K.Sivabalan, Advocate

For Respondent : M/s.P.Kottaichamy,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.25 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 offence punishable under Section 379 IPC, in Crime No.25 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The prosecution case is that the petitioner and other accused have illegally cut down five tones of Pungai trees and Karuvelam trees and loaded them for transportation, without any permission. Hence, the complaint.

3.Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, but, a false case has been foisted as against him. However, to show his *bona fide*, he is prepared to pay a



sum of Rs.25,000/- to any organization as directed by this Court. He has also filed an affidavit to this effect.

4.Learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner and other accused have illegally cut down five tones of trees and attempted to transport the same. On the complaint of the Village Administrative Officer, the case was registered.

5.Considering the nature of allegation and the willingness of the petitioner to pay a sum of Rs.25,000/-, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed on condition that **the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) in favour of the District Green Committee, Sivagangai District**, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt / acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thirupathur, Sivagangai District.

6.The District Green Committee, which was formed as per the Government Order in G.O.Ms.No.39, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.13) Department, dated 02.07.2021, pursuant to the directions of this Court in W.P.No.11094 of 2021, shall utilize the amount paid by the petitioner for plantation of trees on either side of the road, tree guard, drip irrigation, manure, etc., with public participation, including, NGOs, Confederation of Industries, Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs, School Students, College Students, Self Help Groups, labours under MGNREGS and any other volunteers, etc., to achieve 100% survival rate of the planted trees. The State Green Committee shall extend their support in this regard by recommending the correct variety / species of trees, in accordance with the soil type and climatic conditions and also for the maintenance. The maintenance of the trees planted has to be reviewed by the District Green Committee, after two years and necessary appreciations have to be made to the stakeholders concerned in the form of certificates.

7.On production of receipt / acknowledgement for having paid the amount before the District Green Committee, 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, Thirupathur, Sivagangai District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.



[b]the petitioner shall report before the 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 the 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

Sd/-
06/10/2021

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.III)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUPATHUR, SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT.
2. -DO- THROUGH
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT.
3. THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT GREEN COMMITTEE,
SIVAGANGAI.

