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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/10/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI

CRL OP (MD) . No.15510 of 2021

Raja @ Pettai Raja @ Mannarmannan

... Petitioner/Accused No.3

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Madukkur Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.663 of 2021).

... Respondent/Complainant

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

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

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory bail in Crime No.663 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 Sections 4(1)(a) and 4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act in Crime No.663 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 02.10.2021 at about 15.00 hrs, on secret information, the respondent Police found the petitioner in possession of liquor bottles. On seeing the respondent Police, the petitioner and the other accused ran away from the scene of occurrence. Therefore, the present case came to be 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 appearing for the respondent Police submitted that on 02.10.2021, the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 29 liquor bottles and the investigation is yet to be completed.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation levelled against the petitioner and the quantity of liquor bottles seized, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this criminal original petition is allowed and 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, Pattukottai, 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 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 as and when required.

[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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

Sd/-
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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,
PATTUKOTTAI.
2. -DO- THROUGH
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THANJAVUR AT KUMBAKONAM.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MADUKKUR POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
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