



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

Date : 18.11.2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice **K.MURALI SHANKAR**

CRL OP(MD). No.17961 of 2021

Ranjithkumar ... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The state Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Kumbakonam PEW Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.1271 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.K.M.Karunakaran
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.1271 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

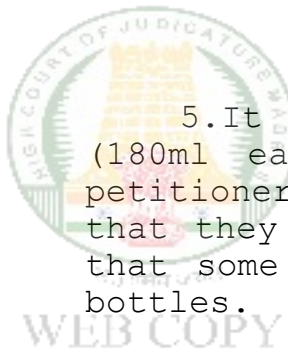
ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Sole Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.11.2021 for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(a) and 4(1-A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act in Crime No.1271 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 40 numbers (180ml each) of TASMAL liquor bottles. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 05.11.2021. Hence, he seeks bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the respondent police suspecting that some poisonous substance could have been mixed in the liquor, registered the case against this petitioner. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner herein.



5.It is the specific case of the prosecution that 40 numbers (180ml each) of TASMAL liquor bottles were recovered from the petitioner/accused. In the First Information Report, it is stated that they have smelled poisonous substance and they have suspected that some poisonous substance could have been mixed in the liquor bottles.

6.Considering the above, this Court is at loss to understand as to how the respondent police has invoked Section 4(1)(A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act. Moreover, since the petitioner is in judicial custody from 05.11.2021 and he is not having any previous case for similar or serious offence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

7.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 Judicial Magistrate, Papanasam.

i) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

ii) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of one month and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

iii)the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness.

iv) the petitioner shall not abscond during trial.

v)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].

vi) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A 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, PAPANASAM.
2. DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.
3. THE OFFICER INCHARGE, SUB JAIL,
PAPANASAM.
4. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KUMBAKONAM PEW POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
5. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER

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