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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CRL.O.P.No.209 of 2022

Sarojkumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State by,
The Inspector of Police,
Pallikonda Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.416 of 2021)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of the arrest in Crime No.416 of 2021 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Pallikonda Police Station, Vellore District.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Silambarasan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 7(5) & 20(2) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act 2003 r/w Section 328 of IPC in Crime No.416 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent police is the defacto complainant in this case, the case is that on 30.12.2021, the respondent police intercepted Eicher Lorry, Lorry owned and Driven by one Shanmugam, Near Tollgate, Pallikonda, it was found with "Hans Tobacco". On his arrest he had confessed that he had purchased the said "Hans Tobacco" from Andhra Pradesh and transporting the same to Poonamallee, Chennai on the instruction of the petitioner herein. Hence the complaint.



3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.5. Vellore, 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Kancheepuram District within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[b] 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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioner is directed to report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders and co-operate for investigation;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 anticipatory 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.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.V, VELLORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PALLIKONDA POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE REGISTERED ADVOCATE
CLERK ASSOCIATION, KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. S.SILAMBUSELVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.381

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Date :07/01/2022

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