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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.02.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.PONGIAPPAN

CrI.O.P. No.3714 of 2022

Babu

... Petitioner / Accused

versus

State rep. by
Inspector of Police,
Kullanchavadi Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.148 of 2022)

...Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C., praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.148 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Surya Prakash

For Respondent : Mrs.G.V.Kasthuri
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 04.02.2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 273, 328 of IPC and Section 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 in Crime No.148 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 04.02.2022, the petitioner was found in possession of 30 packets of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and he is in judicial custody from 04.02.2022 onwards. Hence, he prays for bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police raised objection stating that investigation is pending. However, she fairly admits that, the contraband, which was



possessed during the time of occurrence was recovered by the Investigation Officer.

5. The submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side are considered.

6. It seems that the respondent police registered a case as against the petitioner for the offences punishable under Sections 273, 328 of IPC and Section 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and as of now, the material objects (contraband), which is necessary for completing the investigation are all recovered by the respondent police. Hence, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be necessary for completing the investigation in this case. Further, the petitioner is in judicial custody from 04.02.2022 onwards. Therefore, considering the nature of the offence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail subject to the following conditions;

(a) 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 District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Kurinjipadi;

(b) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(c) the petitioner is directed to appear before the respondent police daily at 10.00 a.m., for a period of 15 days and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

(d) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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 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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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM
JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, KURINJIPADI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE (FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
SUB JAIL, VRIDHACHALAM

4 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KULLANCHAVADI POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

CC to M/S. R.SURYA PRAKASH Advocate on payment of necessary charges Sr.2409

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Date :16/02/2022

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