



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Tenth day of March Two Thousand Twenty Two

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Dr Justice G. JAYACHANDRAN

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.5585 of 2022

1 PRAKASAM
2 CHINNA PONNU

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VADAPONPARAPI POLICE STATION,
KALLAKURICHI
CRIME NO.431 OF 2021

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.S.ARUNBABU Advocate

For Respondent : M/S.S.SANTHOSH, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL 439 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379 of IPC and Section 21(4) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957 in Crime No.431 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 31.12.2021, the Assistant Director of Geography and Mining Department lodged a complaint against the petitioners before the respondent police stating that, when he was doing the vehicle inspection, it was found that the petitioners have stolen the debris from the nearby abandon stone quarry. It is further alleged that the petitioners after seeing the complainant left the Tractor and ran away from the occurrence place.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any such offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he pleads for anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent raised objection for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioners stating that the petitioners had illegally transported debris 2 cubic meters.

5. Considering the facts and Circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners on condition that the petitioners shall deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each in the District Collector's Fund and on such deposit and production of receipt before the learned concerned Magistrate, the petitioners may be granted anticipatory bail with certain conditions. Grant of anticipatory bail shall not stand in the way to the authorities of mere confiscation proceeding of the vehicle using for illicit transport of minerals.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Shankarapuram on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) each, with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioners shall deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) before the concerned District Collector's Fund as non-refundable deposit. After receipt of the above said amount, the same has to be deposited by the concerned District Collector to the credit of the District Mines and Minerals Foundation Trust as non-refundable deposit.

(b) if the petitioners failed to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 7 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(c) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(d) the petitioners shall report before the Investigating Officer as and when required for an interrogation;



(e) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(f) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(g) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/ Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners 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]; and;

(h) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

-sd/-

10/03/2022

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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SHANKARAPURAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VILLUPURAM DISTRICT. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VADAPONPARAPI POLICE STATION,
KALLAKURICHI.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINES AND MINERALS FOUNDATION TRUST,
VILUPPURAM DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S.V.ARULARASU Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO. 3786

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Date :10/03/2022

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