

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Eighteenth day of May Two Thousand Twenty Two

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.10813 of 2022

RAMRAJ

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
GANGAVALLI POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.
CRIME NO.66 PG 2022

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.E.KANNADASAN Advocate

For Respondent : M/S.R.KISHORE KUMAR, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable u/s. 379 of IPC r/w. Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Cr.No.66 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. This petitioner is arrayed as A3. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner, who is the owner of the unregistered tractor alleged to have transported 1 1/2 units of red sand illegally. Along with this tractor two other tractors carrying each 1 1/2 units of red sand and the same were also seized by the respondent police.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he transported red soil from one patta land to another person's land only for cultivation

purpose. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) appearing for the respondent submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6.Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7.Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust and on such deposit, 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Attur 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 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.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[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 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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18/05/2022

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.II, ATTUR, SALEM DISTRICT.

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

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
GANGAVALLI POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
SALEM DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S.E.KANNADASAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO. 7210

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Date :18/05/2022

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