



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Fifteenth day of June Two Thousand Twenty Two

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice D. BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.7397 of 2022

IN CRL.RC.NO.707/2022

BALAJI

[PETITIONER]

Vs

T.VENUGOPAL
REP BY HIS POWER AGENT,
N.MANO HAR

[RESPONDENT]

Petition praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the affidavit filed therewith the High Court will be pleased to exemption from surrender in C.C.No.796 of 2014 dated 21.09.2022 on the file of the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court I, Magistraterial Level, Coimbatore as confirmed by the Judgment of the IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore in C.A.No.177 of 2020 dated 09.03.2022, pending disposal of the above CRL.RC.NO.707/2022. (CRL.MP.NO.7397/2022)

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/S.M.N.BALAKRISHNAN, Advocate for the petitioner the court made the following order:-

This petition is filed to exempt the petitioner from surrender in C.C.No.796 of 2014, dated 21.09.2022 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Fast Track Court-I @ Magisterial level, Coimbatore as confirmed by the judgment of the learned IV Additional District and Sessions Judge, Coimbatore in C.A.No.177 of 2020, dated 09.03.2022, pending disposal of the above Criminal Revision Case.

2. I have perused the petition filed for exemption and I am not satisfied with the reasons mentioned in the application.



3. The Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Surya Baksh Singh Vs. State of U.P.¹, has held in paragraph No.25, which reads as follows:-

"The routine is to file an appeal, apply and get enlarged on bail or get exempted from surrender, and thereafter wilfully to become untraceable or unresponsive. It is the bounden duty cast upon the Judge not merely to ensure that an innocent person is not punished but equally not to become a mute spectator to the spectacle of the convict circumventing his conviction."

Similarly, in the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Vivek Rai v. High Court of Jharkhand², in paragraph No.3, has held as hereunder:-

"We do not find any merit in the challenge to the validity of the Rule. It is well-known practice that generally a revision against conviction and sentence is filed after an appeal is dismissed and the convicted person is taken into custody in the Court itself. The object of the Rule is to ensure that a person who has been convicted by two courts obeys the law and does not abscond. The provision cannot thus be held to be arbitrary in any manner. The provision is to regulate the procedure of the Court and does not, in any manner, conflict with the substantive provisions of CrPC relied upon by the petitioners."

Therefore, this Court is of the opinion that in a routine manner, exemption from surrender cannot be granted.

4. In this case, there is no special and acceptable reasons assigned in the application for grant for exemption from surrender. Therefore, the Criminal Miscellaneous Petition for exemption shall stand dismissed. However, one more opportunity is granted to the petitioner to surrender before 23.06.2022.

-sd/-

15/06/2022

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

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FAST TRACK COURT-I, MAGISTERIAL LEVEL,
COIMBATORE.



2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE IV ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE,
COIMBATORE.

C.C. to M/S.M.N.BALAKRISHNAN Advocate on payment of necessary
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Order
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