



5. Considering the nature of mineral involved, the antecedent of the petitioners and his willingness to pay a sum of Rs.75,000/- to any public organization, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed on condition that the petitioners shall pay a sum of Rs.75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) to the credit of to the credit of Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Krishnagiri. The amount paid by the petitioners shall be used by the Hospital for treatment of children suffering from cancer and haematological disorders.

6. On production of such receipt/acknowledgement, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Krishnagiri, on condition that each of 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 Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioners shall report before respondent police daily at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[c] the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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 petitioners 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.



7. It is needless to say that any tool or instrument or vehicle used for illegal quarrying/ transportation of sand is liable to be seized under Section 21(4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act and any vehicle or instrument or tool which has been seized under Section 21 (4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act is liable to be confiscated under Section 21(4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act.

8. Though the above provision mandates the authorities to confiscate the tool or instrument or vehicle involved in the commission of the offence of illegal quarrying / transportation of sand, the authorities have not invoked the provision of 21 (4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957 and therefore, a Division Bench of this Court in W.P.No.19936 of 2016, etc., batch has emphasised the need for confiscation of the vehicles. Consequently, the Government has also issued certain directions to the authorities of Revenue, Police and Forest and Geology and Mining departments to seize the vehicles and for confiscation of the same in G.O.Ms.No.170, Industries MMC-2 Department, dated 05.08.2020 and therefore, the respondent police is directed to proceed further as per Section 21 (4-A) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act and as per the guide lines issued in G.O.Ms.No.170, Industries MMC-2 Department, dated 05.08.2020.

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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.II, KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
HUDCO PLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.



4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH
AND HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN,
EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.

+1CC to M/S. E.KANNADASAN Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.No.8307

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