



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Ninth day of June Two Thousand Twenty Two

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.13266 of 2022

1 SOWNDHAR @ SOUNDAR

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

2 V.SURESH

3 GOVINDHAN @ GOVINDARAJ

Vs

THE STATE REP BY IT,
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOTTAPATTI POLICE STATION,
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT
CRIME NO.127 OF 2022.

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioners : M/S.C.PRABAKARAN Advocate

For Respondent : M/S.V.J.PRIYADARSANA, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

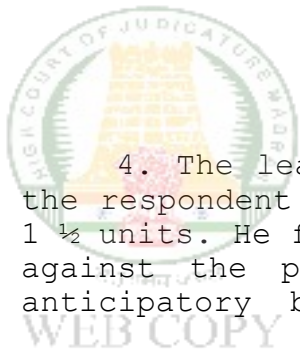
PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec. 438 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 of IPC r/w. 21(1) & 21(4) of Tamilnadu Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.127 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners are alleged to have transported 1 ½ units river sand illegally.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of river sand involved is 1 ½ units. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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 petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 petitioners have 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 petitioners with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust and on such deposit 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Harur, on condition that each of the petitioners shall execute a separate 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 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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioners shall deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust.

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

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[e] the petitioners 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 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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09/06/2022

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,
HARUR

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
DHARMAPURI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOTTAPATTI POLICE STATION,
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.



5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

WEB COPY +1 CC to M/S.C.PRABAKARAN Advocate on payment of necessary
charges

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