



Crl.OP.No.17627 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.07.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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Selladurai

..Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. By
Inspector of Police,
Kottur Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
Crime No:135 of 2022

..Respondent

PRAYER:

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in crime No.135 of 2022 on the file of Inspector of Police, Kottur Police Station, Thiruvarur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.Swamisubramanian

For Respondent : Mr.A.Damodaran,
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.07.2022 for the offences punishable under Section 379, 430 IPC and Section 21(2) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in crime No.135 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner transported 1/2 unit of river sand without any valid permit. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is the owner cum driver of the vehicle used for illegal transport of 1/2 unit of river sand. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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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 may be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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



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released on bail on his executing 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 **learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Mannargudi Thiruvarur District** and on further conditions that:

[a] 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

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

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.



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[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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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Mannargudi Thiruvarur District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kottur Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
3. Sub Jail Mannargudi.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras



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G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

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