



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Twentieth day of January Two Thousand Twenty Two

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.13543 of 2021

IN CRL.R.C.NO.1036 of 2021

AJITH @ SALI AJITH

[PETITIONER]

Vs

1 THE EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATGE
AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
WANNARAPET DISTRICT.

[FIRST RESPONDENT]

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
H8, THIRUVOTRIYUR POLICE STATION,
CHENNAI

[SECOND RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT]

Petition praying that in the circumstances stated therein and in the Memorandum of Grounds in CRL.R.C.NO.1036 of 2021 on the file of the High Court, the High Court will be pleased to Suspend imposed against the petitioner in MP.No.71/2021 dated LIR.No.475 Sec. pro /DCP WPT/2021 by the Executive Magistrate and Deputy Commissioner of Police Wannarapet district in H8 Thiruvottiyur P.S.SI.No.991/2021 U/s 110 Cr.P.C and release the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the said CRL.R.C.NO.1036 of 2021 IN CRL.MP.NO.13543/2021.

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the Memorandum of Grounds in CRL.R.C.NO.1036 of 2021 on the file of the High Court and upon hearing the arguments of MR.V.PARTHIBAN Advocate for the petitioner and of MR.S.SUGENDRAN, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) on behalf of the Respondent the court made the following order:-

(This case has been heard through video conferencing)

This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed by the petitioner/Accused, seeking suspension of sentence of imprisonment, imposed against the petitioner in M.P.No.71 of 2021 dated 15.11.2021 in L.I.R.No.475/Sec.Pro/DCP WPT/2021 by the learned Executive Magistrate cum Deputy Commissioner of Police, Washermenpet, Chennai.



2. Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was summoned by the first respondent on 28.09.2021 and without furnishing any material and without affording opportunity to the petitioner, he was compelled to furnish security for keeping good behaviour and accordingly, he had executed a bond under Section 110 Cr.P.C on 28.09.2021, whereas on 26.10.2021, he was falsely implicated by the second respondent in a case registered in Crime No.3130 of 2021, for the offence under Section 294(b), 384, 297 & 506(ii) IPC and when he was in judicial custody, a PT warrant was issued by the first respondent on 09.11.2021 and he was produced before the first respondent on 15.11.2021 and without affording sufficient opportunity to defend his case, he has been clamped with the detention order directing him to be in prison for 317 days.

3. He would further submit that this Court, earlier, in the case of P.Sathish Vs State and another, in Crl.R.C.(MD) No.302 of 2017 dated 09.08.2017 had issued certain directions to be followed by the Executive Magistrate before clamping detention orders. Further, in the judgment rendered in Devi Vs State, in Crl.R.C.No.78 of 2020, by order dated 25.09.2020, another Hon'ble Judge of this Court had doubted the power of the Deputy Commissioner of Police in passing detention order and while deferring with the view taken in P.Sathish Vs State and another, cited *supra* had referred the issues to the Hon'ble Chief Justice for constituting a larger bench and thereby, it would take some time to decide the issue. He would therefore, pray for suspension of sentence pending revision.

4. Mr.S.Sugendran, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), would submit that the petitioner had furnished a bond to be of good behaviour on 28.09.2021. On violation of the bond, he had involved in the offence on 26.10.2021. The first respondent, after affording sufficient opportunity, finding violation of the bond, passed the order of detention.

5. Heard the learned counsel and perused the materials on record.

6. This Court in "Devi Versus The Executive Magistrate-cum-Deputy Commissioner of Police, St.Thomas Mount District" in Crl.R.C.No.78 of 2020, by order dated 25.09.2020, had deferred with the findings given in Crl.R.C.No.982 of 2018, dated 24.11.2018 and held in paragraph No.20 as follows:-

"42 Since this Court respectfully differs from V. Parthiban, J. on the issue of applicability of Section 122(1)(b) Cr.P.C. to a good behaviour bond under Section 110(e), the Registry is directed to place this matter before the Hon'ble Chief Justice for appropriate orders.



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43 Further, as this Court is not in agreement with the view propounded by another learned single judge of this Court in Balamurugan (supra), the following question is framed with a direction to the Registry to place the same before the Hon'ble Chief Justice with a request to constitute a Bench of appropriate strength for an authoritative pronouncement:

Whether G.O.Ms.No.659, Home (Cts. VIA) Department dated 12.09.2013 and G.O. Ms.No.181, Home (Cts.VIA) Department dated 20.02.2014 violate the scheme of separation of powers and are ultra vires the proviso to Section 6 of the Tamil Nadu District Police Act, 1868 (Central Act XXIV of 1868)?"

7. Now, both the learned Single Judges have referred the issues to be placed before the Hon'ble The Chief Justice for constituting a larger bench with regard to applicability of Section 122(1)(b) Cr.P.C., the power exercised by police officers can it be said to be power exercised as Executive Magistrate under the Code of Criminal Procedure and for other connected issues.

8. In view of the above and it is learnt that it would take some time for the above issues to be decided, this Court is inclined to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner with the following conditions:-

(i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) with two sureties each with likesum to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Thiruvottiyur

(ii) The petitioner shall appear before the second respondent Police everyday at 5.30 p.m., until further orders.

9. Hence, the Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered to the extent of granting Suspension of Sentence. The Superintendent, Central Prison-I, Puzhal, Chennai is directed to set the petitioner at liberty, if his further detention is no longer required in connection with any other case or proceedings.



10. The Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is ordered accordingly.

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20/01/2022

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUVOTTIYUR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
THIRUVALLUR [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATGE
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4 INSPECTOR OF POLICE
H8, THIRUVOTRIYUR POLICE STATION,
CHENNAI.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON-I, PUZHAL, CHENNAI.

6 THE SECTION OFFICER
CRIMINAL SECTION,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

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