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**A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.**

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC read with Section 21 of Mines and Minerals Act, 1995 in Crime No. 153 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that the petitioner had illegally transported one units of sand without any valid permission. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the petitioner without obtaining any permission from the Government had illegally transported river sand, thereby degraded the environment and caused damages to the ecology. Hence he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This court is of the opinion that the offenders despite several orders passed by various benches of this court regarding illegal sand mining and knowing fully well about the evil consequences affecting the environment and society at large and the implications thereon are indulging in the offences of illegal quarrying/mining, theft and smuggling of sand and minerals. These cases come within the category of cases of large magnitude affecting and impacting livelihood of a very large number of people knowingly and unknowingly.

6. This Court finds that the discretionary power has been consciously and continuously misused by the offenders in an organised manner and this Court is of the firm opinion that the discretionary powers



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cannot be extended to persons indulging in illegal sand mining, smuggling and theft of sand and minerals.

7. In view of the order passed by this Court in Crl. OP No.13334 of 2020 etc. Batch, dated 03.09.2020, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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