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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.10.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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Rajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Jayamkondam Police Station,
Ariyalur District.

(Crime No.352/2022)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime
No.352 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Muruganantham

For Respondent : Mr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.09.2022 for the offences punishable under Section 328 of IPC r/w 20(1) Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 2003 in Crime No.352 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 29.09.2022, when the respondent and his team were on their routine rounds, they found that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of banned Tobacco Products in his shop for sale. The respondent police arrested the petitioner and seized the banned tobacco products from him. 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. He would also submit that without prejudice, the petitioner is



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prepared to make a deposit the considerable amount as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government and hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products. He would further submit that there is no previous case as against the petitioner. However, he oppose to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials available on record.

6. In order to curb the illegal activities of smuggling of tobacco products, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) as a non refundable deposit to **"The Dean/Medical Officer, Government District Head Quarters Hospital,**



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Ariyalur", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. 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.

8. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel and also taking note of the fact that the petitioner is prepared to deposit Rs.5,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only)** by way of **Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the "The Dean/Medical Officer, Government District Head Quarters Hospital, Ariyalur"**, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial



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Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Jayamkondam**, 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 report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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 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



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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 229A IPC.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, No.1, Jayamkondam.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Jayamkondam Police Station,
Ariyalur District.
3. The Central Prison, Trichy.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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