



Crl.O.P.No.27187 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.11.2022

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

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Pradeepraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
H-5, New Washermentpet Police Station,
Chennai District.
Crime No.532 of 2022

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.532 of 2022 pending
investigation before the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Padmanabhan

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 24.08.2022, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with Section 22(c) of NDPS Act, 1985, in Crime No.532 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 20.08.2022, at about 15.30 hrs., the Sub Inspector of Police received a secret information about the illegal sale of Ganja. Thereafter, he along with his parties conducted search and found the accused persons were in possession of LSD Stamp - 16 Nos weighing 0.270 grms. 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 further submit that, even as per the prosecution, the contraband is said to be recovered from A1 and the petitioner is not aware of the said contraband and that there is no material to show that the petitioner is aware of the possession of the contraband by A1. He would further submit



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that there is no recovery from the petitioner and there is no confession statement recorded from the petitioner. He would further submit that the petitioner has some previous cases registered under IPC case and only in order to curtail the activities of the petitioner, respondent has registered the false case. He would further submit that the petitioner has satisfied the twin conditions as contemplated under Section 37 of NDPS Act. He would further submit that similarly placed accused has been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.25552 of 2022 on 01.11.2022. Hence, he seeks for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that, the petitioner along with other accused were found in possession of LSD Stamps 16 Nos weighing 0.270 grms. He would further submit that, there is no recovery from the petitioner and apart from this case, there is no previous case pending against the petitioner, however, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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



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6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission made by the learned counsel and also considering that no recovery was made from the petitioner and also considering that similarly placed co-accused had been granted bail by this Court and also considering that the petitioner has satisfied the conditions as contemplated under Section 37 of the NDPS Act for granting bail, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, 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 XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town at Chennai** 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 twice daily at 10.30.a.m., and 05.30. p.m., until further orders.



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[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**;

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

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To

1. learned XV Metropolitan Magistrate,
George Town, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
H-5, New Washermentpet Police Station,
Chennai.
3. Central Prison-II,
Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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