



Crl.O.P.No.28366 of 2022

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.11.2022

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

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Kesavan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Kodavasal Police Station.
Thiruvarur District.

(Crime No.513/2022)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime
No.513 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Muthamizhselvakumar

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 08.10.2022, for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(aaa) r/w 4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.513 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 08.10.2022, when the respondent police and his team were on routine patrol duty, the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 110 litres of Pondy liquor. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He also submitted this is the second bail application before this Court and this Court had earlier dismissed the bail application filed by the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.25903 dated 20.10.2022 stating that the petitioner has got some previous cases of similar nature. He further submitted that



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without prejudice, the petitioner is prepared to make a deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- 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 submitted that this is the second bail application of the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 110 litres of Pondy liquor. He further stated that 16 previous cases are pending as against the petitioner. Therefore, he vehemently opposed for grant of 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 liquor, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) as a non refundable deposit to **"The**



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Dean/Medical Officer, Government Thiruvarur Medical College, Thiruvarur", 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.50,000/- 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.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)** by way of **Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT** to the **"The Dean/Medical Officer, Government Thiruvarur Medical College,**



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Thiruvavarur", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial 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, Tiruvavarur**, 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 everyday 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



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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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Tiruvarur.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Kodavasal Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
3. The District Prison,
Thiruvarur.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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