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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 10/02/2022

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) . No.2862 of 2022

Saravanan

... Petitioner/2nd Accused

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supplies CID,
Sivagangai.
(Crime No.5 of 2022).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Lenin Kumar,T, Advocate.

For Respondent : M/s.M.Muthu Manikkam,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

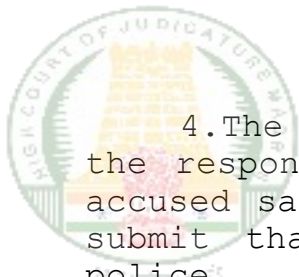
For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.5 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Accuse, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Clause 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 r/w Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Cr.No.5 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the *defacto* complainant and his party have seized 135 bags (each contains 28 kgs) PDS rice. The accused had purchased the PDS rice from the card holders with an intention to transport the same. Hence, the present complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner along with other accused said to have illegally transported PDS rice. He would also submit that the entire contraband was seized by the respondent police.

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5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the facts that the first accused was already released on bail, that the property has already been recovered from the first accused and that the petitioner is not having any previous case for similar or serious offence as stated by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, but with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of Government of Tamil Nadu, CMPRF in IOB, Secretariat Branch, Chennai-9 (Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFSC Code: IOBA0001172), without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Sivagagai.

7.On production of such receipt/acknowledgment, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Sivagagai, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a)the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

(b)the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

(c)the petitioner shall not tamper with the 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]**; and;



(f) if the accused / petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.II)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
SIVAGANGAI.
2. -DO- THROUGH
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SIVAGANGAI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CIVIL SUPPLIES C.I.D.,
SIVAGANGAI.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

COPY TO:

THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC RELIEF FUND,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9.

ORDER
IN
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