



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18.02.2022

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) . No.3487 of 2022

1.Manikandan
2.Erulamoorthi

... Petitioners/Accused
(Rank Not Known)

Vs.

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supplies C.I.D,
Sivagangai.
(Crime No.7 of 2022).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : M/s.T.LENIN KUMAR, Advocate.

For Respondent : M/s.M.MUTHUMANIKKAM,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

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

PRAYER :-

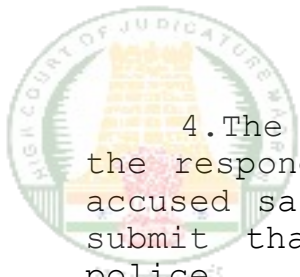
For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.7 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences 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.7 of 2022, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the *defacto* complainant and his party have seized 66 bags (each contains 50 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 petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioners 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 property has already been recovered and that the petitioners are 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 petitioners, but with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioners shall pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)each 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 their 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 petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their 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 petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)**each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a)the petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d)the petitioners 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 petitioners released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble



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

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

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRAT 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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