



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 03.03.2022

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice **K.MURALI SHANKAR**

CRL OP(MD) . No.4199 of 2022

1. R.Chellapandi
2. T.Sankara Pandi
3. A.Saravana Kumar
4. B.Sivanesan

... Petitioners/ Accused 5 to 8

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
C.S.C.I.D. Virudhunagar Unit,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.32 of 2022)

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Karunanithi,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam,
Government Advocate (Cr1. Side).

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

PRAYER :-For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.32 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 Sections 6 (2)(3)(4) of TNSC (RDCS) order 1982 r/w 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.32 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that when the Rosalpatti and Soolakarai Civil Supply Warehouses were inspected by the Additional Registrar and Awareness Officer, he came to know that large scale of misconduct was made by the staff and load man in the said civil supplies warehouses and after that the defacto complainant, who is working as Regional Manager, has lodged a complaint against the petitioners.



3.The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioners are not having any previous cases.

5.Considering the nature of charges levelled against the petitioners and also the fact that the petitioners are not having any previous cases, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

6.Accordingly, the petitioners shall pay a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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, Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District.

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, Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District, 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 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 a.m., for a period of thirty (30) days 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 petitioners 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 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 229-A IPC.

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

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TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
VIRUDHUNAGAR.
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT AT SRIVILLIPUTHUR.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
CS CID VIRUDHUNAGAR UNIT, MADURAI DISTRICT
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

COPY TO:

THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU,
CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC RELIEF FUND IN IOB,
SECRETARIAT BRANCH, CHENNAI-9.

ORDER

IN

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