



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 23/03/2022

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) . No.5385 of 2022

Sabariraja @ Sowthiraja

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Kovilankulam Police Station,
Kovilankulam,
Ramanthapuram District.
(Cr.No.10/2022).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.SANKARA PANDIAN.J,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.MUTHUMANIKKAM,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu(Crl.side)

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

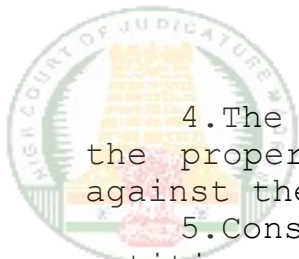
PRAYER :- For Anticipatory bail in Crime No.10 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A1, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 353 and 506(ii) IPC and 7(5) and 24(1) of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, in Crime No.10 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and other accused were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was implicated only on the basis of the confession alleged to have taken from A2 and A2 was already released on bail. However, he would further submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit the amount that may be imposed by this Court.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would submit that the property has been recovered and 107 proceedings are pending against the petitioner herein.

5.Considering the nature of charges levelled against the petitioner and also the facts that the property has been recovered and that A2 was already released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty 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, Kamuthi, Ramanathapuram District.

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, Kamuthi, Ramanathapuram District, 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.

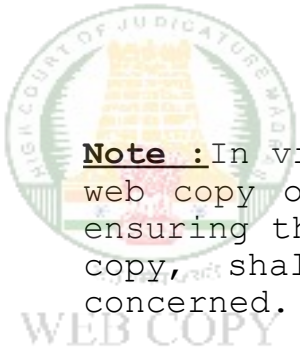
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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.



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TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KAMUTHI, RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOVILANKULAM POLICE STATION,
KOVILANKULAM,
RAMANTHAPURAM 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,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-9.

ORDER

IN

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