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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 11.04.2022

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) . No.6710 of 2022

Mahalingam

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Ammapettai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.177 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Arun Prasad, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Sivakumar,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.177 of 2021 on the file of the Respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 379 IPC r/w Section 21(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.177 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has illegally transported 1 unit of river sand. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has earlier filed a petition in Crl.O.P.(MD)No.7103 of 2021 seeking anticipatory bail, this Court, vide order dated 26.05.2021, has granted anticipatory bail imposing certain conditions. He would further submit that due to COVID-19



restriction, he could not furnish the sureties hence, he was constrained to file the above application for anticipatory bail again.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioner has transported 1 unit of river sand illegally. He would further submit that the petitioner is having one previous case.

5. Considering the above and also the nature of the charges levelled against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousands only)** to the credit of the District Mineral Foundation Trust, Thanjavur District, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Papanasam.

7. On production of such receipt/acknowledgment, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Papanasam, 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 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 a.m., 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]**.



[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.II)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
PAPANASAM.
2. -DO- THROUGH
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.
3. THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
THE DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
4. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
AMMAPETTAI POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
5. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
IN
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