



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)
Date : 11/05/2022
PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRL OP(MD) . No.9017 of 2022

Preetha

... Petitioner/Accused No.4

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Melur Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.237 of 2022)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Santhanam Rajesh Kumar,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.R.Suresh Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side).

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.237 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/A4, who is apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379 of IPC r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.237 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has illegally transported 2 units of gravel sand using lorry.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instruction, he would further submit that the petitioner is ready to deposit any amount to the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust without prejudice to her rights.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Criminal Side) appearing for the State submitted that the vehicle was seized by the respondent police and there is one previous case pending against the



petitioner. He further submitted that if the person is caught with illegal sand in the mining area, she has to be directed to deposit the conditional amount to the credit of Crime number. However, in view of formation of District Mineral Foundation Trust in each district, the amount may be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation in the areas affected by illegal sand mining.

5. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken by the State Government under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and also considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to her rights and contentions. This amount so deposited shall be utilized by the Trust for rehabilitation works.

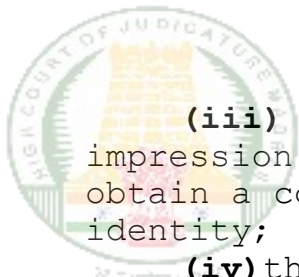
6. It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioner to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of anticipatory bail.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side), this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Melur, Madurai District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(i) if the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled.

(ii) the petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** through demand draft to the credit of the Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to her defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;



(iii) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(iv) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police at 10.30.a.m., for a period of two weeks, thereafter, as and when required.

(v) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(vi) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(vii) 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]**;

(viii) 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,
MELUR, MADURAI DISTRICT.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
MADURAI DISTRICT.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MELUR POLICE STATION,
MADURAI DISTRICT.



4 THE CHAIRMAN / DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
MADURAI DISTRICT.

5 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER

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