



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16/09/2022

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The Hon`ble Mr.Justice A.A.NAKKIRAN

CRL OP(MD) .No.16668 of 2022

Sethu @ Sethupathi

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Perungudi Police Station,
Madurai District.
Crime No.111 of 2022.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Vikram S,
Advocate.

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

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.111 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Accused No.1, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w. 20(b)(ii)(B), Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.111 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of 1.600 Kgs of Ganja. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner shall abide any condition imposed by this Court.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that there are four accused in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as first accused. The petitioner and other accused have illegally found in illegal possession of 1.600 Kgs of Ganja. He would further submit that the petitioner is not having any previous cases and the investigation is still pending.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the antecedents of 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.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to the credit of Crime No.111 of 2022 before the Principal Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Madurai, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt/acknowledgment before the trial Court.

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 Principal Special Court for EC & NDPS Act Cases, Madurai, 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 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 respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

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TO

1. THE PRINCIPAL SPECIAL JUDGE,
SPECIAL COURT FOR EC & NDPS ACT CASES,
MADURAI.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PERUNGUDI POLICE STATION,
MADURAI DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER
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