



Crl.O.P.No.5567 of 2023

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.03.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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Mohammed Irfan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
B2 Esplanade Police Station,
Chennai District.

(Crime No.7 of 2023).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail, in connection with the
Crime No.7 of 2023, pending on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Senthilvel

For Respondent : Mr.S.Sugendran
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.02.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(b) and 25 of NDPS Act in Crime No.7 of 2023, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on receiving a secret information, the respondent Police along with his team went to the scene of occurrence and they found that the petitioner along with other accused was in illegal possession of 3 grams of methamphetamine. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case as A11. He further submitted that the contraband involved in this case is in-between quantity. He also submitted that all the co-accused in this case have already been enlarged on bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.Nos.3413, 2794, 2983, 4598, 4645, 4331, 4328 and 3949 of 2023 and the petitioner is in judicial custody from 01.02.2023. Hence, he seeks for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent submitted that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in illegal possession of 3 grams of methamphetamine. He further submitted that the contraband involved in this case is in-between quantity. He also submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5.At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defense and contention, is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- to any welfare scheme run by the Government. He further stated that the petitioner is ready to abide by any other stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor and perused the materials available on record.



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7. On considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of "Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, Chennai", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

8. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

9. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by either side of the parties and also taking note of the fact that the petitioner has come forward to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- to the credit of "the Tamilnadu Advocate Clerk Association, Chennai", this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

10. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten



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Thousand only) to the credit of "**The Tamilnadu Advocate Clerk Association, Chennai**", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** with **two sureties**, (out of which, one surety should be either father or mother of the petitioner and should produce document to show his/her means), each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Metropolitan Magistrate No.VII, George Town, Chennai** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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



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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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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To

1. The Metropolitan Magistrate No.VII,
George Town, Chennai
2. The Inspector of Police,
B2 Esplanade Police Station,
Chennai District.
3. The Central Prison,
Puzhal -II.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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