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Crl OP No.10696 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.05.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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1.Rajkumar

2.Chandrasekar @ Sekar ... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 & 2

Versus

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Tiruppur North Police Station,
Tiruppur city.
(Crime No.651 of 2023)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.
praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail concerned in Crime No.
651/2023 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioners : Mr.D.S.Haroon Rasheed

For Respondent :Mr.E.Raj Thilak,
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.04.2023 for the offence punishable under Sections 328 of IPC r/w 22(a) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act, 2003, in Crime No.651 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that petitioners along with other accused were found in possession of 200kgs of tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He had also submitted that the petitioners are in custody from 26.04.2023. Hence, he seeks for grant of bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that petitioners along with other accused were found in possession of 200kgs of tobacco products. He further submitted that, apart from this case, there is no previous case pending against the petitioners. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration and that further custody of the petitioners is not required for investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail on the following conditions;

(a) the petitioners 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I at Tiruppur.

[b] 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.

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.



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[d] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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SUNDER MOHAN, J

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Tiruppur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Tiruppur North Police Station,
Tiruppur city.
- 3.Central Prison, Coimbatore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai

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