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CrI.O.P.No.12376 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.06.2023

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

CrI.O.P.No.12376 of 2023

Ranjith Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police
NIB-CID, Coimbatore.
Crime No.10 of 2023

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime
No.10 of 2023, on the file of the Inspector of Police, NIB CID, Coimbatore.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Thinesh

For Respondent : Mr. C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (CrI. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 27.04.2023, for the offences punishable under Section 8(c), r/w 20(b) (ii)
(B) & 25 of NDPS Act, in Crime No.10 of 2023 on the file of the respondent
police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 2 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and a false case has been foisted against him. He further submitted that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 27.04.2023. He would also submit that without prejudice, the petitioner is prepared to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- to any Welfare Scheme of the Government. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner stating that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 2 kgs of Ganja. He would fairly concede that the contraband involved in this case is intermediate quantity. He also submitted that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) and perused the materials available on record including the FIR.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant of bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is **directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) directly to the Dean/Medical Officer, Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital, Coimbatore as non refundable deposit** and on such deposit and on receipt of proof of payment, 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**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore** 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 respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;



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[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 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 Additional District Judge / Presiding Officer,
Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore.
2. The Inspector of Police
NIB-CID, Coimbatore.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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