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CrI.OP.No.19480 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :31.08.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **G.CHANDRASEKHARAN**

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Manaranjan Suna

..Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Annur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Cr.No.491 of 2023)

...Respondent.

PRAYER:

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.491 of 2023 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ramkumar

For Respondent : Mr.S.Rajakumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.07.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 8 (c) r/w 20 (b) (ii) (B) of NDPS Act in Crime No.491 of 2023 on the file of the



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respondent police, seeks bail.

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2.It is the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that, petitioner is falsely implicated as accused in Crime No.491 of 2023 for the offences under Section 8 (c) r/w 20 (b) (ii) (B) of NDPS Act. Petitioner is in judicial custody from 18.07.2023. Therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

3.In response, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that on secret information received, defacto-complainant along with Police party mounted surveillance on 18.07.2023, near Coimbatore Road, Michael Bus Stop, at about 11.30 a.m. They found accused under suspicious circumstances. After following necessary procedure, a search was conducted and Ganja weighing 1.900 kg was recovered. No previous case is pending against this petitioner. However, he opposed this petition.

4.Considered the rival submissions and perused the records.



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5.Considering the fact that Ganja had been recovered, that petitioner is in judicial custody from 18.07.2023, and that material part of investigation might have been completed by this time, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, 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 **Judicial Magistrate Court, Annur**, 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 without prejudice to his defence shall deposit a non-refundable sum of **Rs.10,000/-**, by way of Demand Draft to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Finance (CMPRF) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009. Tamil Nadu, India, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009,



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S.B.Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFS Code IOBA0001172, CMPRF PAN: AAAGC0038F and that the receipt of such payment shall be produced before the concerned Magistrate at the time of executing the bond; It is made clear that merely, because the petitioner deposits the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.00.a.m., until further orders.

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

[e] the petitioner 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 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR



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can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate Court,
Annur.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Annur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

3.Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras



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