



Crl.OP.No.20603 of 2023

G.CHANDRASEKHARAN, J.

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This petition is filed to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Cr.No.6 of 2023 on the file of the respondent Police.

2.It is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner is implicated as accused in Cr.No.6 of 2023 for the offences under Section 120 B, 304 (1), 328 I.P.C r/w Section 4 (1-A) (i), 4 (1) (i), 7 (a) of TNP Act, @ Sections 120 (B), 302, 304 (1), 304 (2), 328 I.P.C. r/w Sections 14-A, 4 (1) (aaa), 4 (1-A) (i), 4 (1) (i), 7 (a) of TNP Act and Section 7 of Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959, @ Sections 120 (B), 302, 304 (2), 328 I.P.C r/w 14-A, 4 (1) (aaa), 4 (1-A) (i) , 4 (1-A) (ii), 4 (1) (i), 7 (1) of TNP Act and Section 7 of Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959. He is in judicial custody from 10.07.2023. Thus, this petition is filed for seeking bail.

3.In response, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that it is a case of death of fourteen persons in consuming alcohol mixed with



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poisonous chemical substances. A11 was the owner of Mahasakthi Enterprises which manufactures Methanol. Petitioner is professional RS seller. Petitioner is involved in criminal and prohibition cases in Pudhucherry and Tamil Nadu. He had the knowledge that possession of Ethanol and its transportation is illegal, however, he sold it for the sake of monetary benefit. Other accused purchased the Methanol from A11 and mixed with Ethyl alcohol. They packed illicit liquor and sold to public. Fourteen persons who consumed poisonous alcohol died. Fifty five persons who consumed this alcohol were admitted in hospital and some of them lost eye sight. Investigation in this case is still pending. Thus, he opposed this petition.

4.Considered the submissions and perused the records.

5.Considering the nature and seriousness of the allegations against this petitioner and other accused, that fourteen persons have lost their lives and fifty five persons are still under going treatment, and that investigation in this case is still pending, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.



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6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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