



CrI.OP.No.22105 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :26.09.2023

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

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Srinivasan

..Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. By
Station House Officer,
Chidambaram Town Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.260 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.260 of 2023
pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Ramprabu

For Respondent : Mr.S.Rajakumar
Additional Public Prosecutor



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.08.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 273, 328 of IPC read with Section 20(2) of Tobacco Act read with Section 77 of Care and Protection of Children Act in Crime No.260 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police seeks bail.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that, petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in a case registered in Crime No.260 of 2023 for the offences under Sections 273, 328 of IPC read with Section 20(2) of Tobacco Act read with Section 77 of Care and Protection of Children Act. Petitioner is in Judicial Custody from 07.08.2023. Thus, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

3. In response, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that, on 07.08.2023 at about 09.00.am.,, defacto complainant along with the police party mounted surveillance near overbridge at Gandhi Statute near Chidambaram. They found one person selling tobacco products to the school students in a vehicle bearing Reg.No. TN 91 A 3107. Police



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apprehended him. His name is Appas Ali. He possessed Hans Packet - 50 Nos. On the basis of his confessional statement, police visited the School for Mentally Challenged Persons near Singarathoppu and found the accused Arunkumar, Jithendra Singh and Srinivasan. Accused Arun Kumar produced cool lip in two sacs from the godown. Accused Srinivasan possessed two sacs of cool lip in a vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN 73 C 5927. Accused Jithendra Singh possessed 12 Sacs of Hans packet and 4 Sacs of cool lip. He further submitted that, apart from this case, there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

4. Considering the fact that tobacco products and the vehicle had been seized and there is no similar previous case pending against the petitioner and having regard to the fact that, petitioner is in Judicial Custody from 07.08.2023 and that material part of the investigation might have been over by this time, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail



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on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate at Chidambaram No.II** 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, 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 his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.



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[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 can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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To

1. Judicial Magistrate at Chidambaram No.II
2. Station House Officer,
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3. Central Prison,
Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras

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