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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.11.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **C.V.KARTHIKEYAN**

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1.Govindan S/o. Abimannan
2.Loganathan S/o. Mani

...Petitioners/Accused 1 & 2

Vs.

State represented by the
Inspector of Police,
Valapandal Police Station,
Ranipet District.

(Crime No.212 of 2023)

...Respondent

PRAYER:

Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No. 212 of 2023 on the file of respondent police on such terms and conditions.

For Petitioners : Mr.E.Kannadasan

For Respondent : Mr.R.Kishore Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioners/A1 & A2 seek bail in Crime No.212 of 2023, registered by the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379 & 430 of IPC r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act. They had been remanded to judicial custody on 14.10.2023.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners had transported $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand in a bullock cart.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners stated that the petitioners are innocents and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further stated that the petitioners are ready to abide by any condition imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent stated that the petitioners has illegally transported $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of



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river sand in a bullock cart without having any license or permit. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. In order to curb illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each as non refundable deposit to the credit of District Revenue Officer, Ranipet District, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioners 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.

7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and the submissions made by the learned counsels, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

8. Accordingly, the petitioners shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each to the credit of District



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Revenue Officer, Ranipet District, and on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Arcot, 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

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

[d] the petitioners 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



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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].

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

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Arcot.
2. Sub-jail, Walajah.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Valapandal Police Station,
Ranipet District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras



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