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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 05/01/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRL OP(MD) . No.93 of 2023

Balachandran

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Illupur Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.
(Crime No.349 of 2022).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Muthukumar.R, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Veeranthiran,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :-

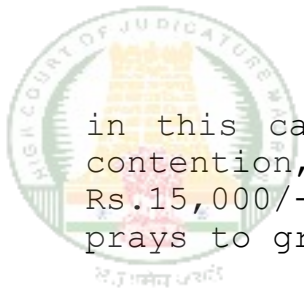
For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.349 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Sole accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379 IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.349 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has illegally transported three units of gravel sand in a tipper lorry bearing Reg. No. TN 63 M 1839. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated



in this case. He would also submit that without prejudice to his contention, the petitioner is prepared to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- to any Welfare Scheme of the Government. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would submit that the petitioner has illegally transported three units of gravel sand in a tipper lorry bearing Reg. No. TN 63 M 1839. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. However, he fairly concedes that no previous case pending as against the petitioner.

5.Heard. Perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6.In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner may be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7.Merely, because the petitioner had deposited 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.

8.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** by way of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the credit of the District Mineral Foundation Trust concerned, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Iluppur, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and 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.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

Sd/-

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.I)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, ILLUPPUR.
2. -DO- THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ILLUPPUR POLICE STATION,
PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

COPY TO:

THE OFFICER INCHARGE, DISTRICT MINERAL
FOUNDATION TRUST, PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.

+1. CC to M/S.MUTHUKUMAR.R Advocate SR.No.223

ORDER

IN

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