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

Date : 16/10/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

The State represented by
The Forest Range Officer,
Kaliyal Forest Range,
Kanyakumari District.
in W.L.O.R No. 3/2023.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Deepak F,
Advocate.

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

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

PRAYER :-

To enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the case in WLOR No. 3/2023 on the file of the respondent police and pass orders

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ A2, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 9,39,44,49,50 and 51 of Wild life



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Protection Act,1972 and Amendment Act, 2023 in WLOR No.3 of 2023 on the file of
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the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 19.08.2023 the petitioner along with other accused were found hunting porcupine at Arakkai Post and when the respondent police went there the accused persons were found in possession of meat of porcupine, hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and a false case has been foisted against him. He would further submit that only based on the confession given by the co-accused he has been implicated as an accused Hence he seeks anticipatory to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner along with other accused were found hunting porcupine at Arakkai Post and when the respondent police went there the accused persons were found in possession of meat of porcupine, hence he objected to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The petitioner has been implicated as an accused only based on the confession given by the co-accused and no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

6.Taking into consideration the principles stated by the Honourable Supreme



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Court in *Gurubaksh Singh Sibbia Etc., vs. State of Punjab* reported in 1980 AIR 1632 and *Lal Kamlendra Pratap Singh vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and others* reported in (2009)4 SCC 437 and *Joginder Kumar vs. State of U.P. and others* reported in (1994)4 SCC 260 and taking into consideration the origine of crime, it is seen that the offence alleged as against the petitioner is not a case of heinous crime. Further the petitioner is having permanent residents at Kanyakumari District. Hence the principles stated in *Hussainara Khatoon & Ors vs. Home Secretary, State Of Bihar* reported in AIR 1979 SC 1360 is taken into consideration. In that case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has cautioned that pre-trial detention is not be encouraged nor is to be encourageable pre-trial release on sureties; that if the Court is satisfied after taking into consideration that the accused has his roots in the community and is not likely to abscond, he can safely be released on his personal bond.

7.In view of the above, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, 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 Special Judicial Magistrate, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District on condition that the petitioner shall execute **own** bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the



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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 shall report before the trial Court on receipt of summons

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

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

[d] 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].

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

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- 1 THE SPECIAL JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NAGERCOIL, KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT.
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT AT NAGERCOIL.
- 3 THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER
KALIYAL FOREST RANGE, KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.F.DEEPAK, Advocate (SR-15292[I] dated 17/10/2023)

ORDER
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