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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/10/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V.SIVAGNANAM

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Balachandran,

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The Sub Inspector of Police,
Illuppur Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.
(Crime No.235/2023).

... Respondent/Complainant

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

For Respondent : Mr.R.SURESH KUMAR,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime no.235/2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 379 IPC r/w. 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.235 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent was in surveillance near Ariyakonpatti drama stage, the petitioner herein has illegally transported 2 ½ units of gravel sand by using Tipper Lorry bearing Regn.No.TN-63-M-1839. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and his name has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner has taken sand only from his patta land and seeks, anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner herein said to have illegally transported 2 ½ units of gravel sand by using Tipper Lorry bearing Regn.No.TN-63-M-1839. He would further submit that investigation of the case is pending and hence, strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. On perusal of the FIR, it is noticed that the petitioner has illegally transported 2 ½ units of gravel sand.

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



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(2009)4 SCC 437 and Joginder Kumar vs. State of U.P. and others reported in (1994)

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4 SCC 260 and taking into consideration the origin 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 Thiruchirappalli 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 to 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 is made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Illupur 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 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 :



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[a] the petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on receipt of summons as directed by the trial Court.

[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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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL
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3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ILLUPPUR POLICE STATION,
PUDUKKOTTAI DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.R.MUTHUKUMAR, Advocate (SR-15534[I] dated 20/10/2023)

ORDER
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