



CRL OP(MD)No.20547 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16.11.2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble MR JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

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Vetriselvam

... Petitioner/ Accused rank not known

Vs

The State rep.by,
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
Crime No.175 of 2023

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Praveenkumar, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.RMS.Sethuraman,
Additional Public Prosecutor.

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.175 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Order 6(2) and 6(4) of the Tamil Nadu Scheduled



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Commodities (RDCS) Order 1992 and Section 7(1)(A) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.175 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 06.11.2023, at about 07.00 am., one TATA 407 vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN 74 B 3855 standing in front of the ration shop with loaded 60 gunny bags of PDS rice, each contains 50 kgs, total weight is 3000 kgs. On enquiry it reveals that A1 with the help of A2 smuggled PDS rice from the ration shop. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police would submit that the investigation in this case is still pending.

5.On perusal of records, it is noticed that there is no specific allegations levelled as against the petitioner herein.



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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 Kamendra 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 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 residence at Virudhunagar 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 made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Virudhunagar on condition that the petitioner shall execute a own bond for a sum of



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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 :

[a] the petitioner shall affix his photograph 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 his identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the trial Court on summons.

[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



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learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court
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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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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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1.THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
VIRUDHUNAGAR.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT @ SRIVILLIPUTHUR.

3.THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.

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



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