



CRL OP(MD). No.20612 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/12/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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Joseph Raj

... Petitioner / Accused No.6

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Sulakarai Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
(Crime No.130/2022).

... Respondent / Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Balaji, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.M.S.Sethuraman,
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.439 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.130/2022 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ A6, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.11.2023 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 6(b) and 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 328 of IPC in Crime No.130 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused



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were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products. Hence the case.

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3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is in custody from 01.11.2023, hence he seeks bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police would submit that petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products, hence he objected to grant bail to the petitioner. However he fairly concedes that no similar previous case is pending against the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances and also considering the period of incarceration and also taking into consideration the fact that no similar previous case is pending against the petitioner and also taking into consideration the principle stated by the Honourable Supreme Court in Sanjay Chandra and others vs. CBI reported in (2012)1 SCC 40, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[i] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to 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 learned Judicial Magistrate



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No.II, Virudhunagar and on further conditions that:

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(ii) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(iii) the petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on receipt of summons;

(iv) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness;

(v) the petitioner shall not abscond during trial.

(vi) 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].

vii) 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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- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Virudhunagar.
 - 2.Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.
 - 3.The Inspector of Police,
Sulakarai Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
 - 4.The Officer Incharge,
District Prison, Virudhunagar.
 - 5.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
- +1 CC to M/s.A.BALAJI, Advocate (SR-18116[I] dated 20/12/2023)

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