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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 13/12/2023

PRESENT

The Honourable Mr.Justice V.SIVAGNANAM

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Palpandi

... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

The Sub Inspector of Police,
Amathur Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
in Crime No.238/2023.

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jothi Basu, 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.238/2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ A2, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for

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the offences punishable under Section 328 IPC and 6(b) r/w 24(1) Cigarette and others Tobacco Products Acts, 2003 and Section 77 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 in Crime No.238 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the first accused is running a store in the name and style of "TAP". On 24.11.2023 at 08.00 hours, the respondent police have conducted a surprise inspection and recovered 180 Ganesh and Panparag Pockets and recovered Rs.3,990/- from the first accused. The first accused informed the police that she and the petitioner/A2 has purchased the products from unknown person and kept it in the store to sell to others. Hence, the case.

3.The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that based on the information of the first accused, this petitioner has been implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent



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Police has strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, however, he would submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and 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 alleged offence against the petitioner is not a case of heinous crime. Further, the petitioner is having permanent resident 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 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.



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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.II, Virudhunagar on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 :

[a] the petitioner shall affix his photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of his 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 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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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.II
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.
- 2 DO THROUGH:
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT @ SRIVILLIPUTHUR.
- 3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
AMATHUR POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.



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