



CRL OP(MD). No.22972 of 2023

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( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 20/12/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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Murugan

... Petitioner / Accused No.3

Vs

The Inspector of Police,  
Sivakasi East Police Station,  
Virudhunagar District.  
(Crime No.571 of 2023.)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.Lenin Kumar T, 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.571 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.



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ORDER: The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner/A3, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.12.2023 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 328 of IPC r/w. Section 6(b) and 24(1) Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 in Crime No.571 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the accused persons were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.12,600/- and sale proceeds of Rs.3750/-. Hence the case.

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 12.12.2023, hence he seeks bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police would submit that the accused persons were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.12,600/- and sale proceeds of Rs.3750/-, hence he objected to grant bail to the petitioner. However he fairly concedes that no 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 previous case is



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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 No.II, Sivakasi and on further conditions that:

(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].



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vii) 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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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,  
Sivakasi.

2.Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,  
Virudhunagar District at Srivilliputhur.

3.The Inspector of Police,  
Sivakasi East Police Station,  
Virudhunagar District.

4.The Officer Incharge,  
Sub Jail,  
Srivilliputhur.

5.The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
Madurai.

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