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Crl.O.P.No.11760 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.05.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **R.SAKTHIVEL**

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1.Anbazzhagan @ Anbalagan
S/o.Manickam

2.Nataraj @ Nadarajan
S/o.Subramaniyan

3.Kumar
S/o.Thangavel

...Petitioners/Accused-1 to 3

Vs.

The State Rep.by its
The Inspector of Police
Voimedu Police Station
Voimedu
Nagapattinam District.
Crime No.50 of 2024

...Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., 1973 (Act No.2 of 1974), praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.50 of 2024 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Voimedu Police Station, Nagapattinam District.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Murugabharathi

For Respondent : Mr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 13.05.2024 under Section 438 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (Act No.2 of 1974) praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2.The petitioners/accused, apprehend the arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 21 (1) of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.50 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police.

3.The case of the prosecution is that on 20.04.2024, at about 01.30 a.m., when the respondent police were patrolling to prevent the theft of sand, the police found that the petitioners have illegally excavated and transported one unit of ordinary sand in a Mahindra Tractor bearing Reg.No.TN.51-AL-8321 without any valid permission. Hence the case.

4.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the



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respondent-police registered the case only for statistical purpose. He further submitted that the petitioners have permanent residence and deep roots in the Society and that there are ready to obey the condition if any imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prayed to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

5.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioners excavated and transported 1 unit of ordinary sand in a Mahindra Tractor and that the petitioners have no previous case similar to that of this case. Accordingly, he prayed to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Prosecution's case is that the petitioners illegally excavated and transported 1 unit of ordinary sand in a Mahindra Tractor bearing Reg.No.TN.51-AL-8321 without any valid license or permit.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of



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the offence, the quantity of river sand allegedly excavated and transported by the petitioners and the fact that the petitioners have deep roots in the society due to which there is less probability of absconding and the fact that there are no previous cases against the petitioners and also with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioners to reform themselves, this Court grants an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioners shall be released on bail in the event of their arrest or in the event of their surrender before the learned District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District, within a period of 15 days from today, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each, with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District;

(ii) The petitioners shall appear and sign before respondent Police, daily at 10.00 a.m., until further orders;

(iii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity;

(iv) The petitioners shall make himself available for interrogation by police as and when required;



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(v) The petitioners shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(vi) The petitioners shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate Court/Trial Court; and

(vii) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate/Trial Judge is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by themselves as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283]*.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated supra.

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To

- 1.The District Munsif-cum- Judicial Magistrate,
Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police
Voimedu Police Station
Voimedu
Nagapattinam District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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