



Crl.O.P.No.16794 of 2024

T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 27.05.2024, seeking bail in Crime No.251 of 2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 284, 328 of IPC and Section 24(1) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that this is the second application for bail filed by the petitioners and the earlier bail application was dismissed by this Court on 19.06.2024. He also submitted that the petitioners are no way connected with the alleged offence and some of the co-accused have also been released on bail. He further submitted that the petitioners are in custody from 27.05.2024 and they are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for bail.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the accused were found to be in illegal possession of 633.700 kilograms of banned tobacco products. He further submitted that the earlier bail application filed by the petitioners was dismissed on 19.06.2024 and there is no change in circumstances and further, the petitioners hail from the State of Rajasthan, therefore, if they are released on bail at this stage, there is a possibility of them absconding and not available for further investigation. Hence, he opposed for granting bail to the petitioners.



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4. Taking into consideration the facts and the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) that there is no change in circumstances and taking note of the quantity of the contraband recovered from the accused, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

19.07.2024

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