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CrI.O.P.No.19358 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.08.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **P.DHANABAL**

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Sumathi

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Arakandanallur Police Station,
Villupuram District.
(Crime No.384 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with Crime No.384 of
2024, on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Jawahar

For Respondent : Mr.S.Vinothkumar
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 25.06.2024, for the alleged offences punishable under Section 4(1)(a) r/w



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4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.384 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 5 litres of illicit arrack and 10 number of brandy bottles. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has been falsely implicated in this case, since she has got some previous cases. She has not committed any offence as alleged in the FIR. The petitioner was arrested and is in judicial custody for more than 50 days and is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police would contend that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 5 litres of illicit arrack and 10 number of brandy bottles of each containing 180 ml. He further submitted that the petitioner has 11 previous cases of similar in nature and thereby, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the



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petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. Considering the nature of offence and the quantity involved and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and also considering that the petitioner has 11 previous cases, in all of the cases, she has been released on bail and considering all others factors, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her executing 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 Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvenninallur and on further conditions that:-

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks.

[b] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.



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[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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].

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Thiruvenninallur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Arakandanallur Police Station,
Villupuram District.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Special Prison for Women,
Cuddalore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

P.DHANABAL, J.



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