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Crl.O.P.No.19343 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.08.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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R.Bharathi

...Petitioner/Accused -2

Vs.

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Sulur Police Station
Coimbatore District
(Crime No.527 of 2024)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.527 of 2024 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

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

ORDER



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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.07.2024 for the offences under Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 123 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 in Crime No.527 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/A2 along with the other accused were found to be in illegal possession of 1400 kgs of banned tobacco products and they tried to sell it to the general public. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is a law-abiding citizen and he is ready to furnish substantial sureties for his due release on bail; therefore, he prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the



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petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of 1400 kgs of banned tobacco. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner. However, objected to granting bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the submissions made on both sides, the quantity of material involved in this case, and also taking into consideration the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions:

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his 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 court of **Judicial Magistrate, Sulur**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[b] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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- [c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;
- [d] 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];
- [e] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of the BNS.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate



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Sulur

2. Central Prison, Coimbatore

3. The Inspector of Police,
Sulur Police Station
Coimbatore District

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

P.DHANABAL, J.

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