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Crl.O.P.No.25998 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.10.2024

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

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Selvamoorthy @ Moorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Gudiyatham, Vellore District.
(Crime No. 594 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in Crime No.594 of 2024 on the file
of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Muruganantham

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody



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on 26.09.2024, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 4(1)(aaa), 4(1-A)(ii) of TNP Act r/w Section 123 of BNS Act, 2023 in Crime No.594 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 150 litres of I.D. Arrack. Hence the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case, since he has got some previous cases. He has not committed any offence as alleged in the FIR. He would further submit that the petitioner was arrested and is in judicial custody for more than 15 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 submitted that there are totally three accused in this case and the petitioner herein is ranked as A1. He further submits that on the date



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of the alleged occurrence, the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 150 litres of I.D. Arrack. He further submits that the petitioner has 13 previous cases, out of which, 6 cases have been disposed of. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the nature of offence, quantity involved, and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, and though the petitioner has 13 previous cases, out of which, 6 cases have been disposed of, and in all other cases, he has been released on bail, and also 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 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 Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham, and on further conditions that:-



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

[b] the Petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he is suspected;

[c] the Petitioner 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;

[d] the Petitioner shall not abscond 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]; and



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

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Gudiyatham.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Gudiyatham, Vellore District.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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P.DHANABAL, J.

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