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Crl.O.P.No.30299 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.12.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.30299 of 2024

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
P-2, Otteri Police Station,
Chennai.
(Crime No.503 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with Crime No.503 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Muthamizh Selvakumar

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.503 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) and 25 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, is on board for consideration.



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2. The incarceration of the petitioner being from 23.10.2024 pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner and false implication in the case, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks indulgence of this Court. He also submits that even as per the prosecution, the contraband seized from the petitioner and others is only an intermediate quantity and further, the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

3. The case of the prosecution as putforth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing for grant of bail, is that the accused were found to be in illegal possession of 10 kilograms of Ganja and in this case, the petitioner was formally arrested on 23.10.2024. He further submits that against the petitioner 6 previous cases including three similar cases are pending, therefore, if he is released on bail, there is every possibility of him absconding and not available for further investigation.

4. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions and accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on



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bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties (out of which, one of the sureties should be the wife of the petitioner)**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **X Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 06.30 p.m., until further orders;

[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 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]***;



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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA.,J.

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

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1. The X Metropolitan Magistrate,
Egmore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
P-2, Otteri Police Station,
Chennai.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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