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Crl.O.P.No.31209 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.12.2024

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

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1.Hadmat Singh

2.Shanthilal

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Baluchettychatram Police Station,
Kancheepuram District.
(Crime No.468 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in connection with Crime No.468 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Thirugnanam

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

ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.468 of 2024 registered for



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the offences punishable under Sections 274, 275 & 123 of BNS r/w Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, is on board for consideration.

2. The incarceration of the petitioner being from 21.11.2024 pleading innocence on the part of the petitioners and false implication in the case, learned counsel for the petitioners seek indulgence of this Court. He submits that the petitioners, without prejudice to the defence and contention, are ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- each, to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. He further submits that the petitioners are 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 30,828 packets of banned tobacco products and the respondent had arrested the accused and seized banned tobacco products from them. He also submits that there are no previous cases against the petitioners.



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4. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each**, to the credit of **Rehoboth - Home for Mentally Challenged Homeless Women No.22, Viswas Nagar, Koluthuvancherri, Paraniaputhur, Chennai Punjab National Bank, Moulivakkam Branch Account No. 05812010015060 IFSC Code : PUNB0058110 MICR Code : 600024081**, without prejudice to the right of defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

5. Further, having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record and considering the period of incarceration and that there are no previous cases against the petitioners, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions and accordingly, they are ordered to be released on bail on their executing separate bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with two



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sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kancheepuram**, 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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 of B.N.S.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Kancheepuram.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Kancheepuram District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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