



CRL OP(MD) No.2862 of 2024

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Friday, the Twenty Third day of February Two Thousand and Twenty Four

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.DHANDAPANI

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G.ESAKKI RAJAN

... Petitioner / Accused Rank not known

Vs

THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
TIRUNELVELI POLICE STATION,
CSCID, MADURAI DISTRICT.
(CRIME NO.249 OF 2022.)

... Respondent / Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.K.Gokul, Advocate

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec. 438 Cr.P.C.

PRAYER : FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN CRIME NO.249 OF 2022 ON THE FILE
OF THE RESPONDENT POLICE.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent Police
for the alleged offence under Section 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities
(RDCS) Order, 1982 and Section 7(1)(a)(II) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in



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Cr.No.249 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused No.1 has illegally transported 150 kgs of rice in his two wheeler and he has given a confession statement that he has purchased the rice from the private parties at Malaiyankulam.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instruction, he would further submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- to the Trust and hence, he prays for anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail stating that the investigation is yet to be completed.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the quantity of the PDS rice transported by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.2, Tirunelveli, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees



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Ten Thousand Only), with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a)if the petitioner failed to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b)as per the undertaking given by the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the credit of Rojavanam, Home for aged and poor, Account No.6481560540, Indian Bank, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai, and the proof shall be filed before the trial Court. The concerned Magistrate, after perusing the proof, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(c)the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(d)the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m, for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;



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(e)the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(f)the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(g)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]; and;

(h)if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar
(C.S. I / II / III /IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Tirunelveli.

2.Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Tirunelveli District

3.The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Police Station,
CSCID-Madurai District.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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Home for aged and poor,
Madurai.

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