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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26/11/2024

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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R.Venkatesh @ Bala Venkatesh

... Petitioner/ Accused 3

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
The Inspector of Police,
Soorankudi Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
Crime No.142/2022.

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Na.Manimaran.,

For Respondent : Mr.S.Ravi,
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- To enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent police for the Petitioner/ Accused No.3 in Crime No.142/2022 in CC No.96/2024 in Special District and Sessions Judge for EC and NDPS Court, Madurai on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in/judis> The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent



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police for the alleged offence under Section 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(c), 25 and 29(i) of NDPS Act in Crime No.142 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused persons were found in possession of 548 kgs of Ganja. There are totally 20 accused persons in this case. Out of which, 11 accused persons faced trial in C.C.No.991 of 2023 and they were acquitted by Judgment of the learned Sessions Judge on 30.07.2024. For the remaining accused persons, the case was split up and pending in C.C.No.96 of 2024 and the petitioner has been arrayed as A3.

3.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

4.Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that all the accused persons similarly placed as that of the petitioner have been granted anticipatory bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Accordingly, this criminal original petition is ordered and the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory 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 Sessions Judge, Special Principal District and Sessions



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Judge for EC and NDPS Act Cases, Madurai, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the said Judge, on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fail to surrender before the said Judge within a period of fifteen days, this order shall stand automatically cancelled.

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

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Monday and Friday at 10.30a.m., for a period of two weeks, thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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



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[f] on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judge/ 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 Judge/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;

[g] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar
(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE SPECIAL PRINCIPAL DISTRICT
AND SESSIONS JUDGE FOR EC AND NDPS ACT CASES,
MADURAI.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SOORANKUDI POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.

3 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
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