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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18/02/2025

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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Surya Prakash

... Petitioner/ Accused rank not known

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Virudhunagar Police Station,
CSCID Madurai District.
Crime No. 11/2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr. M Jothi Basu
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.11 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 14.02.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioner / accused rank not known, apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 r/w. 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.11 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.01.2025 at about 14.30 hours, when the defacto complainant viz., Special Tahsildar in Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Aruppukkottai, Virudhnuagar District along with the team was conducted vehicle check up near Indian Oil Petrol on Irukkangudi Road, Palavanatham. At that time, they intercepted the vehicle bearing Regn.No. TN38 CR 8499 and found that there was illegal transportation of 3185 Kgs of PDS rice. While the officers were inspecting, the driver and cleaner fled from the place. Hence, the case.



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4. Mr.M.Jothi Basu, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and based on the confession of co-accused, he has been implicated in this case. He, however, submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. He therefore prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner and the investigation of the case is still pending. Hence, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. In view of the offence alleged against the petitioner, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation is not necessary in this case. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society and therefore, there is less possibility for absconding. Considering the same and also considering the facts and



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circumstances of the case and the nature of offence with a view to give one more opportunity to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions.

(i) The petitioner shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Virudhunagar, Virudhunagar District, within a period of 15 days from date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the said Magistrate.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-police daily at



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10.00 am until further orders;

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(iv) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(v) 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.

(vi) The petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

(vii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the concerned Magistrate.

(viii) The petitioner, shall not directly or in directly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and the witnesses.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial



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Magistrate or Trial Court, as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by him as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283]*.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

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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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- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I
VIRUDHUNAGAR, VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.
- 2 DO-THROUGH :
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUTHUNAGAR DISTRICT AT SRIVILLIPUTHUR.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR POLICE STATION,
CSCID
MADURAI DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.



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ORDER

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