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G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and Section 102 of Cr.P.C, in Crime No.9 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the Deputy Inspection Cell Officer at Vellore conducted a surprise inspection at the office of the Thiruvallam Panchayat office, found unreturned money for a sum of Rs.15,000/- in the cupboard at the petitioner's office. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that there are totally 2 accused in which the petitioner is arrayed as A1. During a secret inspection, it was found that there was unreturned money for a sum of Rs.15,000/- in the cupboard at the petitioner's office. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. It is seen that the occurrence took place in the year 2020. However, the petitioner has not been secured so far.

6. Considering the above fact and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate & Special Judge, Vellore, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten



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Thousand only) with **two blood related 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and 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 daily at 10.30 a.m, and 05.30 p.m, for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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