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G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 6(4) of TN Scheduled Commodities [RCDS] Order, 1982 and 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.159 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 500 Kgs of PDS Rice in Ashok Leyland Dost Mini Van.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and on the confession statement of the co-accused, he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is the rice owner. However, on instructions, he would further submit that he is ready and willing to pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- as non refundable deposit to the credit of COVID-19 SALEM DISTRICT. Hence, he



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prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would submit that petitioner was found in illegal possession of 500 Kgs of PDS Rice. He would further submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsels, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.15,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of **COVID-19 SALEM DISTRICT; SB.A/c No : 190601000434; IFSC code : ICIC0006119; The Personal Assistant (General) to the Collector, Collectorate, Room No.117, First Floor, Salem-636 001, Ph.No.9445008148** and on such deposit the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event



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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 Judicial Magistrate No.1, Cuddalore, 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 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 deposit a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** as non refundable deposit to the credit of **COVID-19 SALEM DISTRICT; SB.A/c No : 190601000434; IFSC code : ICIC0006119; The Personal Assistant (General) to the Collector, Collectorate, Room No.117, First Floor, Salem-636 001, Ph.No.9445008148.**

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police twice daily at 10.30 a.m, and 5.30 p.m for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.



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[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.

[f] 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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