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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Section 328 of IPC and Section 20(1) of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 in Crime No.199 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with co-accused was in illegal possession of 1714 Kgs of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.25,00,000/-. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the alleged offence. Hence he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle which was found in possession of 1714 Kgs of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.25,00,000/-. He would further submit that there is 1 previous case of similar in nature pending as against the petitioner and hence he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. Taking into consideration the allegations and also the bad antecedent of the petitioner and the fact that the case is in the initial stage of the investigation and it is stated that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is essential, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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