



Crl.OP.No.25354 of 2022

A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 7(2), 20(2) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Acts 2003 and Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in Crime No.553 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 38 kgs of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.50,000/-. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. On instructions, he would further submit that without prejudice to his rights, the petitioner is prepared to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- to the Government for any welfare purpose and he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 38 kgs of banned tobacco products worth



about Rs.50,000/-. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and the submissions made the and the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit a sum of 50,000/- to the Government for any welfare purpose, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of **"The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c. No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856"** and on such deposit, 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 XV Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town, Chennai-01*, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000 /- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 report before the respondent police every day at 10.30 a.m for a period of four weeks and thereafter on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]**.

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

7. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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