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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 3(1) of Solvent Raffinat and Slop (Acquisition, Sale, Storage and prevention of use in Automobiles) order 2000 and under Section 7 (1) (a) (ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.298 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner who is the owner of the lorry used the vehicle for transporting black oil illegally. On inspection it was found that 400 litres of black oil in 5 compartments to a total of 20000 litres. Hence, the complaint was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, on his own volition, he is ready and willing to contribute a some amount to any charitable trust as imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for



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the respondent submitted that the petitioner's lorry was used for illegal transportation of 20000 litres of black oil. He further submitted that there are no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side), this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate I, Thiruvallur, 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 is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the credit of the Karthika Public Educational and Charitable Trust, Mayiladuthurai, SB A/c.No.497663303 Indian Bank Branch Code:00165 IFSC Code IDIB000M023, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall



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produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[b] 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.

[c] the petitioner is directed to report before the respondent police **daily at 10:30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.**

[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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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