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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence punishable under Section 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 and 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.100 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 14,000 kgs of ration rice. The main allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner is in possession of Public Distribution Scheme Commodity rice. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioner, on her own volition, is ready



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and willing to contribute some amount for charitable purpose that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submits the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 14,000 kgs of ration rice. The main allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner is in possession of Public Distribution Scheme Commodity rice. He further submitted that the petitioner is having four previous case. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submissions made by the both counsel and also the fact that the petitioner has willfully and on his own volition agreed to contribute some amount for charitable purpose, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Salem**, 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.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** to the **Advocate Clerks Association, Salem District** within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall 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



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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 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]**;

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

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