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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 5 and 7(3) of the Lotteries Regulation Act 1998, in Crime No.430 of 202. on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that petitioner along with some accused persons were selling Lottery tickets belonging to other State. Hence, the complaint.

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, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the **Registered Advocate Clerks Association, Thiruvallur**. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of banned lottery tickets belonging to other State. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently 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 Additional Public Prosecutor, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the **learned Vth Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai** 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



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shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

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[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to **Registered Advocate Clerks Association, Thiruvallur** within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of **this order**, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

[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 on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of twelve weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.



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[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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