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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(aaa), 4(1-A) of TN Prohibition Act, and 420, 465, 468, 484, 471, 488, 463, 486 of IPC, in Crime No.644 of 2022, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused persons had illegally transported 180 Ml Black Pearl-3600 Nos, 180 Express 3744 Nos, 180 ML copper 96 Nos, and ID Arrack 110 liters. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioners, on their own volition, are 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 petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners and the investigation is almost completed. However, he



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opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the investigation is almost completed and there is no previous case pending against the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Villupuram**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate 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] each of the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Puducherry, 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.



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[b] the petitioners 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 petitioners are directed to report before the respondent police on every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 4 weeks and thereafter appear before the trial Court on all hearing dates without fail.

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

[e] the petitioners 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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