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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence punishable under Section 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order, 1982 r/w Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.293 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 1100 kgs of PDS rice. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submits that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 1100 kgs of PDS rice. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submissions made by the both counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.4, Coimbatore District** 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 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.



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[b] the petitioner is directed to report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of eight weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) to the credit of Registered Advocate Clerk Association, Coimbatore District as a non refundable deposit.

[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]**;

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

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