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T.V.THAMILSELVI,J.

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 06.11.2022 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 7(5) & 20(2) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 328 of IPC in Crime No.283 of 2022 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on receiving a secret information, the respondent and his team went to the scene of occurrence and conducted search, during which, they found that the lorry containing banned tobacco products, weighing about 4700 kilograms. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this is the third bail application of this petitioner before this Court and this Court had earlier dismissed the bail applications filed by the petitioner in Crl.O.P.Nos.31599 of 2022 & 1053 of 2023 vide order dated 22.12.2022 and 19.01.2023. He further stated that co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail in Crl.O.P.No.30261 of 2022 dated 08.12.2022 and one of the accused was



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arrested and released on bail in Crl.O.P.No.28878 of 2022 dated 28.11.2022.

He also submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 06.11.2022 and he is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is arrayed as A1 in this case and this is his third bail application before this Court and the earlier bail applications were dismissed by this Court. He further stated that there is no change in circumstances in this case, thereby, he prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent and perused the entire materials available on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), taking note of the gravity of the offence and also considering the fact that



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there is no change in circumstances, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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