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T.V.THAMILSELVI,J.

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.02.2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(c), 29(i) and 25 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Act, 1985, in Crime No.22 of 2022 on file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 04.02.2022, on receipt of the secret information, the respondent and his team conducted a vehicle check up, during which, the accused had illegally transported 176 kilograms of Ganja from Andhra Pradesh to Kerala. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is no way connected with the alleged offence and he is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He also stated that the petitioner is in custody from 05.02.2022 and therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner along with other accused was illegally transported 176 kilograms of Ganja in their vehicle. He also submitted that the seized contraband is a commercial quantity and also stated that the charge sheet has been filed and the case has also been taken up on the file in C.C.No.60 of 2022 pending on the file of the learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer Special Court for EC Act Cases, Coimbatore. He also stated that since the petitioner is the native of Kerala, if the petitioner is released on bail, there is every possibility of the petitioner to abscond and it would delay the progress of trial. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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, the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and



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also considering the fact that the alleged contraband is a commercial quantity, this Court finds that this case needs detailed investigation and the petitioner is not entitled for grant of bail. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the learned trial Judge is directed to complete the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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