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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the offences punishable under Sections 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 read with Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act 1955, in Crime No.08 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal transportation 300 Bags (each 50 Kilo) and 10 bags (each 50 Kilo) i.e. 15,500 Kgs of PDS rice in TATA ACE Vehicle. 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. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioner, on his own volition, are ready and willing to contribute some amount for charitable purpose



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that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submits that the petitioner was found in illegal transportation 300 Bags (each 50 Kilo) and 10 bags (each 50 Kilo) i.e.15,500 Kgs of PDS rice in TATA ACE Vehicle. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the investigation is almost completed and also the fact that the petitioner has willfully and on his own volition agreed to contribute some amount for charitable purpose, 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 **Judicial Magistrate -I, Nagapattinam** condition that the petitioner shall execute



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a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** with two sureties 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 is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only)** as **non-refundable deposit to the credit of the Registered Advocate Clerks Association, Nagapattinam** 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.

[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 every Saturday at 10.30 A.M, for a period of six 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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