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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Section 6(4) TN Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 r/w 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essentials Commodities, Act 1955 in Crime No.198 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that on 11.10.2022, upon secret information, the respondent police went to the scene of occurrence, where, they found that the accused persons have illegally transported 1050 Kgs of PDS rice without license worth Rs.5932/-. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged. However, on instructions, the learned counsel submitted that the petitioner, on their own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.5,000/- to the credit of the Registered Advocates Clerks Association, Cuddalore District, that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4.The learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner along with other accused persons have illegally transported 1050 Kgs of PDS rice worth Rs.5932 /-. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (CrI. Side), 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 learned **Judicial Magistrate-I, Cuddalore** 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:



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[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the credit of the Registered Advocates Clerks Association, Cuddalore District 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 on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of eight weeks;

[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;



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[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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