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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 6(4) of the Tamil Nadu Schedule Commodities [RDCS] Order, 1982 read with Section (7)(1)(a)(ii) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.35 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that during the inspection conducted by the respondent police on 28.02.2023, they found that the petitioner was in the possession of 540 Kgs of PDS rice worth about Rs.17,820/- without obtaining any permission or license from the Tamil Nadu State Government. Hence the case.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would also submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to furnish sufficient sureties and to abide by any



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stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. He would also submit that without prejudice, the petitioner is prepared to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to any Welfare Scheme of the Government. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner was found in possession of 540 Kgs of PDS rice worth about Rs.17,820/- in an Eicher Vehicle. He would further submit that there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and without prejudice, the petitioner is undertaking to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Government for any welfare purpose, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** as non-refundable deposit to the **“The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856”** and on such deposit, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned VI Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai-8**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 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.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the "The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856" and the acknowledgement for the same shall be produced before the learned Magistrate at time of execution of bond.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[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



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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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