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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 Sections 7(1) and 7(3) of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 and Section 420 of IPC in Crime No.119 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 26.02.2023 based on the secret information received by the respondent police, they found that the petitioner was selling Kerala lottery tickets, which was prohibited by Tamil Nadu 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 further submit that the case has been foisted against the petitioner for statistical purpose. He would also submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to furnish solvent sureties and to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed on him. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent would submit that the petitioner was found in possession of banned Kerala lottery tickets. He would further submit that there is one previous case of the year 2020, pending as against the petitioner. Hence he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by Counsel on either 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, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate, Omalur**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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



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satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[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 report before the respondent Police every day at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] 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]**;



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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a
fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC;

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