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2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant one Rajendiran, Deputy Registrar, Public Distribution System, Cuddalore, is that on 23.09.2022, he conducted a regular check up in the Parathur South Ration shop and found certain stocks were excess and certain stocks were shortage and thereby, the petitioner/accused who was working as a Salesman in the said shop, has caused loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.17,450/-. Hence, the case.

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case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution.

Further, during enquiry, the petitioner was suspended from service.

However, in order to show his bonafide, the petitioner is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- to the credit of Crime Number. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioner was working as a Salesman in the Parathur South Ration shop. On 23.09.2022, when the Deputy Registrar, Public Distribution System, Cuddalore, conducted a regular check up, he found shortage of Sugar (48x50) and certain other stocks were excess viz., Palm Oil (151x75), Wheat (86x25), Thoor Dhall (21x75) and thereby, the petitioner has caused loss to the Government to the tune of Rs.17,450/-. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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



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6. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made on both sides and that the petitioner has come forward to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- to the credit of Crime Number, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to **deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) to the credit of Crime No.27 of 2023** 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 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** 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 his Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the final order in respect of the said deposit shall be passed by the trial Magistrate at the time of conclusion of trial.

[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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