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S.SOUNTHAR, J.

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 294(b), 341, 427, 506(i) of IPC in Crime No.174 of 2023, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 26.03.2023 at about 08.00 p.m the petitioners and others had started a public meeting under the guidance of Velmurugan MLA with regard to caste wise census and for social justice. In the said circumstances, the accused persons and 100 others belonging to a rival political party, gathered in the bus stand to attack Velmurugan MLA caused damage to vehicles. Thereafter, the police had disbursed the accused persons and others. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have nothing to do with the said allegation and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Having regard to the fact that no specific overact is attributed against the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **Judicial Magistrate -II, Mettur, Salem District**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute separate bonds 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



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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 petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate shall obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioners shall not tamper the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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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