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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), 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act and 420 of IPC, 1860 in Crime No.138 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were found selling banned Kerala lottery tickets, for which he collected a sum of Rs.600/- from the various purchasers. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession from the arrested accused. He further submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioner along with other accused were found selling banned Kerala lottery tickets, He further submit that the petitioner has got eight previous cases of similar nature pending as against him. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either sides and perused the entire materials available on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the petitioner has got eight previous cases pending as against him, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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