



Crl.OP.No.15323 of 2023

G.CHANDRASEKHARAN, J.

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This petition is filed to enlarge the petitioner/Accused-1 on bail in the event of his arrest pending investigation in Crime No.111 of 2023 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Civil Supplies CID, North Chennai Unit, Chennai.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that petitioner is falsely implicated as an accused in Cr.No.111 of 2023 for the offences under Section 6 (4) of TN Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982, and Section 7 (1) (a) (ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Thus, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

3.In response, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) submitted that on 11.06.2023, at about 18.00 hours, respondent Police was engaged in vehicle check near Housing Board. On suspicion, they tried to stop the vehicle Mahindra Bolero bearing No.TN 05 CB 9702, but the driver without stopping the vehicle tried to escape. However, the vehicle was intercepted and the driver was apprehended. On search, it was found that there were sixty sacs, each containing 40Kgs of PDS rice, totally, 2400 Kgs of PDS rice. Petitioner is one who procured and the owner of the rice. He



further submitted that petitioner has similar case pending in Cr.No.121 of 2020.

4.Considered the rival submissions and perused the records.

5.Considering the nature of the allegations that the petitioner and co-accused illegally procured and transported rice which is used for public distribution system and he has similar case pending, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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