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G.CHANDRASEKHARAN. J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Section 21 (1) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 379 IPC, in Crime No.154 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner that petitioner is charged for the offences under Section 21 (1) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Section 379 IPC, for illegally transporting one unit of gravel sand in a Lorry bearing registration No.TN 31 CW 5455 without any valid permit.

3.In response, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) submitted that on 13.07.2023, at about 4.30 p.m., when the respondent police were in their routine vehicle check up, they found a Lorry bearing registration No.TN 31 CW 5455 illegally transporting four units of gravel sand without any valid permit. Petitioner has no previous case



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pending against him.

4.Considered the rival submissions and perused the records.

5.In view of the submissions of the learned counsel appearing for the parties that the gravel sand involved in this is four units and that the vehicle and gravel sand involved in this case are recovered, material part of the investigation is over and that petitioner has no previous case pending against him, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary. Petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** by way of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the credit of the **Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Finance (CMPRF) Department,** Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009, Tamil Nadu, India, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009, S.B.Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFS Code IOBA0001172, CMPRF PAN:AAAGC0038F, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, petitioner



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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 District Munsif Cum-Judicial Magistrate, Neyveli, Cuddalore**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties** each 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:-

[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 everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence



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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].

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

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