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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 379 and 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Act, 1957, in Cr.No.141 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner is alleged to have transported six units of Vandal sand by two Lorries. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is only the driver of the lorry. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner is alleged to have transported six units of Vandal sand by using two Lorries without any valid permit. He would further submit that the petitioner is the driver of the lorry. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, **the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) as a non-refundable deposit to the credit of District Revenue Officer, Cuddalore District**, 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 **Judicial Magistrate**



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No.1, Chidambaram, Cuddalore District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond 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 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 deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) as a non-refundable deposit to the credit of District Revenue Officer, Cuddalore District, and the receipt of the same shall be produced before the concerned learned Magistrate at the time of execution of bond.

[c] Merely, because the petitioner deposits the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.



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[d] the petitioner 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.

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[g] 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]*; and;

[h] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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