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RMT.TEEKAA RAMAN, J.

The Petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the Respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS), 1982 in Crime No.101 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 20.07.2023 at around 05.00 pm, the complainant, the Special Tahsildar, embarked on a sudden inspection in Jayamurugan Poultry Farm located at Valapady Taluk of Aiyodhiyapattinam, Attai Kadu region of Salem District, Amids their investigation, they found 2.4 Tons of rice (50 bags) clandestinely diverted and stowed away on the premises, the respondent confiscated the illegally stocked rice. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned Counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the Petitioner is running a Poultry farm and the entire case is a fabricated and concocted by the Respondent police, for the reasons best known to them. Hence, the learned counsel for the Petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the Respondent would submit that the Petitioner has stored 2.4 tons of rice (50 bags), which was supposed to be distributed to the public in Public Distribution Scheme in



his Farm. He is vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.

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

6.Taking into consideration the facts and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either sides and the nature and gravity of the alleged offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the Petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** to the credit of **Crime No.101 of 2023**, on the file of the Respondent Police, on such deposit and production of proof, 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 **learned Judicial Magistrate No.II at Salem** on condition that the Petitioner shall execute a separate 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



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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., for a period of three weeks and thereafter on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the Petitioner shall not tamper with evidence 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 Petitioners 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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