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The Petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the Respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) TNMMDA Act in Crime No.494 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the Petitioners have illegally transported one unit of gravel sand in tractor bearing Reg. No.TN 18 BH 3445 & TN 18 BL 3445. Hence, the Defacto Complainant official of Mines and Mineral surrender the above said vehicle before the Respondent and thereafter lodged a complaint on 18.07.2023. On the said complaint FIR in Cr.No.494 of 2023 was registered on 18.07.2023.

3.The learned Counsel for the Petitioners would submit that the Petitioners are only drivers and with transport slip from the official, concerned the sand was kept by them and the same was handed over to the Defacto Complainant, during the inspection. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the Petitioners.



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4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the Respondent would submit that the Petitioners have transported one unit of gravel sand and opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioners.

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 gravity of the offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioners with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** directly to the credit of **"Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Finance (CMPRF) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009, S.B.Account No.11720 10000 00070, IFS Code IOBA0001172, CMPRF PAN: AAAGC0038F"**, on such deposit and production of proof, the Petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned District**



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Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate at Uthukottai, Tiruvallur, on condition that the Petitioners 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 Petitioners 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 Petitioners shall report before the Respondent Police, on every Monday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;**

[c] the Petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the Petitioners 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 Petitioners 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]**.



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[f] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be

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