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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 Sections 379 & 430 of IPC r/w. Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Development & Regulation Act 1957 in Crime No.117 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 15.03.2023 @ 11 am, when the Police Officials on patrol duty at Santhaivasal near TNEB Department, Sub Division Office found that the Petitioner was illegally transporting gravel soil in Ashok Leyland vehicle bearing Reg. No.TN 39 AA 1114. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned Counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the Petitioner is an innocent person and he is not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he was falsely implicated in this case. Owner of the vehicle already obtained bail from this Court in Crl.OP.No.7947 of 2023 dated 17.04.2023. 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 one unit of gravel sand was illegally transported by the Petitioner, who is a driver. He is vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail



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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.5,000/- (Rupees Five 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 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, Polur, Tiruvannamalai** 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



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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, on everyday at 10.30 am for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required;

[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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