



Crl.O.P.No.18900 of 2023

**RMT.TEEKAA RAMAN, J.**

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The petitioner/accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 353 and 506(i) of I.P.C, and Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Acts 2003 in Crime No.294 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 26.07.2023, the petitioner along with other accused having possession of banned tobacco worth of Rs.12,954/- Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person the he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent would submit that based upon the confession statement of A1, the petitioner is implicated in this case. The co-accused arrested and released on bail. There is one previous case is pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also the fact that based upon the confession statement of A1, the petitioner is implicated in this case. The co-accused arrested and released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, **petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.12,000/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand only) each to the credit of Crime No.294 of 2023, within a period of six weeks from the date on which the order copy made ready,** the petitioner is 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 XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai,** 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 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.12,000/- (Rupees Twelve thousand only) to the credit of Crime No.294 of 2023, before the concerned Magistrate, within a period of six weeks from the date on which the order copy made ready.**

[c] **the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;**

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions,



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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]**.

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

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