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RMT.TEEKAA RAMAN, J.

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379 and 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.198 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners are alleged to have transported 200 kgs of river sand by using two wheeler, without having any valid license. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that they have nothing to do with the alleged offence and without prejudice to their contentions, the petitioners are prepared to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- towards any charitable organization or association. Therefore, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for



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the respondent submitted that the petitioners have illegally transported 200 kgs of river sand by using two wheeler, without obtaining any permission from the Government. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioners. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6.On considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of "**District Mineral Foundation Trust concerned**", without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. Merely, because the petitioners have deposited the said



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amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

8. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also taking note of the fact that the petitioners have come forward to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- to the credit of "**District Mineral Foundation Trust concerned**", this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioners shall make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** by way of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the credit of the **District Mineral Foundation Trust concerned**, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioners 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I,**



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Thiruvallur 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 everyday 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



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Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court
in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW
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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR
can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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