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RMT.TEEKAA RAMAN, J.

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The Petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the Respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 379 of IPC r/w. Section 3(1) of TN Public Property Damage and Loss Act in Crime No.263 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 13.07.2023, soil was removed from the branch canal and the same was used for leveling work in favour of the Petitioner. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned Counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the Petitioner is the owner of the vehicle bearing Reg. No.TN 46 J 3355, which is an commercial vehicle and he has instructed his driver to rent out the same. The same was allegedly used for commission of offence, without the knowledge of the Petitioner. 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 damage caused by the Petitioner amounts to Rs.1,00,000/-. He vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.

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 shall make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** by way of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the credit of the **District Mineral Foundation Trust concerned**, and on such deposit and on receipt of proof of payment, 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, Kangeyam** 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 report before the Respondent Police, on everyday at 10.30 am for a period of four weeks and**



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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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