



Crl.O.P.No.22550 of 2023

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 Sections 6(4) Tamil Nadu Schedule Commodities (Regulation of Distribution Through Card System) order 1982 r/w.Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in Crime No.138 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 26.08.2023 at about 23.00 hours, when the Respondent Police on routine vehicle checkup, they found one Mahindra Bolero vehicle bearing Reg. No.TN 25 AA 8013 with 36 number of colour Nylon Bags containing PDS rice (each 50 kgs) totally 1800 kgs and the Petitioner is the owner of the vehicle and A3 is the owner of the rice and they purchased the rice from the public in their surrounding areas at cheaper price and sold the same in the neighbouring States. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned Counsel for the Petitioner would submit that A3 was already granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.OP.No.20771 of 2023 dated 13.09.2023. The Petitioner is an innocent person and he was falsely implicated in this case. 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 1800 kgs of PDS rice was illegally transported in the Petitioner's vehicle. 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 circumstances of the case and also the submissions made by the learned counsel on either sides and nature and gravity of the 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.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** directly to the credit of "**The Dean/Medical Officer, Kilpauk Medical College Hospital, Chennai District**", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, 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 I, Krishnagiri**, 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., 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 Petitioner 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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