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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner/A3, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 8(c) & 20(b)(ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.1218 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 22.07.2023 at about 9.00 a.m., based on the secret information received the respondent Police along with the party person reached the spot near wine shop and found that four persons were standing with bag containing ganja. The respondent Police surrounded the accused persons, but 2 persons fled away and other 2 persons were secured and 1.150 grams of ganja was recovered from the accused persons. Hence the case.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and had been falsely implicated in this case. Hence,



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he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent would submit that the co-accused had already been arrested and released on bail. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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, the co-accused already arrested and released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, 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**



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Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore, 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., until further orders;

[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



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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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