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The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 328 of IPC in Crime No.327 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is stated that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle namely, Maruti Suzuki EECp bearing Reg.No.TN-21-BL-9722. From the said vehicle, 70Kgs of banned tobacco products had been seized.

3. It is stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the friend of the petitioner one Raja who is running a grocery shop had sought hire of the vehicle and the petitioner is not aware of the purpose for which the vehicle is used. It is also stated that the other accused had been granted anticipatory bail. But the overt act as against the petitioner is that the banned tobacco products was found in the vehicle belonging to the petitioner herein. Investigation will have to be done with respect to the source of the banned tobacco and from where it had come.



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4.In view of that particular fact and also the large quantity of the banned tobacco products, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner herein. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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