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**C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.**

The Petitioner is the 4<sup>th</sup> Accused in Crime No.194 of 2023 registered under Section 6 r/w 20(1) COTPA Act, 2003 and Section 328 of IPC.

2. The earlier anticipatory bail application had been dismissed on 13.10.2023 in Crl.O.P.No.23735 of 2023. It is stated that the vehicle belonging to the Petitioner bearing Reg.No.TN 38BE 2224, TOYOTA FORTUNER coming from Bangalore to Krishnagiri was checked by the Respondent and it was found that banned Tobacco product worth Rs.1,99,920/- were available in the Vehicle. The Petitioner is the 4<sup>th</sup> Accused. The 1<sup>st</sup> Accused had been taken into custody and had been granted bail by a learned Single Judge of this Court in Crl.O.P.No.18875 of 2023 dated 22.08.2023. However, it is seen that A2 and A3 are absconding. They are the driver and the other occupant of the Car. The Petitioner had lent out his Car for that particular purpose. He must also be aware about the presence of A2 and A3, who were the driver and occupant.



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3. It is stated on behalf of the Respondent that the person who had actually supply the contraband will have to be found out and in view of that particular fact, further investigation is required, particularly since the contraband was seized from the vehicle belonging to the Petitioner herein.

4. It is now informed that the Accused A2 and A3 are still absconding. Therefore, there is no change in the circumstances. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition seeking anticipatory bail stands dismissed.

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