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WEB C **P.DHANABAL, J.**

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379, 109 of IPC r/w 21(1) of MM Act IPC in Crime No.543 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 22.12.2023, at about 17.30pm, when the respondent police officials were on regular patrol duty, the petitioner along with other accused persons illegally transported 3 units of broken stone from the hill in a vehicle bearing registration No.TN 16F 0599. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) would submit that the petitioner along with other accused illegally transported 3 units of broken stone. The value of the property is worth about Rs.9000/-. He



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would also submit that there is no previous case is pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and considering the fact that the co-accused was released on bail and also the fact that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions.

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 Judicial Magistrate Court, Vanur** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] **the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.30am., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.**



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[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] 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].

[e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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