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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner/A2 who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 420 of IPC and Sections 5 and 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act, 1988 in Crime No.8 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is stated by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing on behalf of the respondent that the accused persons were dealing with prohibited lotteries by forwarding numbers in Whatsapp.

3. However it is stated that A1 had been arrested and granted bail.

4. Taking an over all view of the entire facts of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

5. 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



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the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Parangipettai, Cuddalore** 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 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, daily 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;



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[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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC;

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