



Crl.O.P.No.2997 of 2024

WEB COPY

Crl.O.P.No.2997 of 2024

C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 24(1), 6(b) of Cigarettee and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 and Section 328 of IPC in Crime No. 4 of 2024, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is stated that the accused had purchased 5 kgs of banned tobacco from this petitioner. The accused Nos. 1 and 2 had been arrested and granted bail.

3. Taking all the factors into consideration, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

4. 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 VII Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai, 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:



CrI.O.P.No.2997 of 2024

WEB COPY

[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 deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the credit of Dean, Government Stanley Hospital for treatment of needy patients.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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

[f] 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]**.

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

13.02.2024

vsg



WEB COPY



Crl.O.P.No.2997 of 2024

C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

vsg

Crl.O.P.No.2997 of 2024

13.02.2024