



Crl.O.P.No.9430 of 2024

T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Section 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act, 2003 r/w. Section 77 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children Act) 2003 in Crime No.151 of 2024 on the file of the respondent/police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that based on the secret information the respondent police visited the petitioner shop and found 45 nos. of hans pockets, 30 nos. of vimal pan masala pockets, 5 nos. of coolip, 25 nos. of VI Tobacco. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He has nothing to do with the alleged offence and the petitioner is totally innocent. He is ready to abide by any conditions imposed by this Court. Hence, the learned counsel prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the petitioner is an habitual offender of selling Tobacco products banned by Government of Tamil Nadu. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials available on record.

6.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7.Accordingly, the petitioner is directed 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 No.2, Ulundurpet, 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 the petitioner, or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on



further condition that:

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(a) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) to the credit of Registered Advocates Clerks Association, Kallakurichi, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below;

(c) the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police as and when required;

(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 Judge himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]; and;



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*(g) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR
can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.*

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