



Crl.O.P.No.9527 of 2024

T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 6(4) of the Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order 1982 r/w Section 7(1) (a) (ii) of Essential Commodities act, 1955 on the file of the respondent/police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the defacto complainant, who is the Inspector of Police lodged a complaint stating that on 06.04.2024 on the basis of the secret information received the defacto complainant in the vehicle checkup at Trichy to Chennai Bypass near Tirumandurai Toll Plaza and while intercepting Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing No.TN 52 A 9335, found 180 bags worth of 9000 Kgs of PDS rice and 80 bags worth of 4000 Kgs of broken rice and accordingly he had seized the rice bags and the said vehicle. Hence the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner name was not found place in the FIR. The petitioner is a law abiding citizen and he had not involved in any case and he has no bad antecedents



whatsoever against him and he is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed on them 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. 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 are 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.II, Perambalur**, 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:

(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 shall deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** each to the credit of **Registered Advocate Clerks Association, Vellore**, 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



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

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

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