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C.SARAVANAN, J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 of IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, in Crime No.158 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent and his team were on their regular patrol duty, they found that the accused were indulged in illegal transporting of 1 unit of stone (udai Karkal) in their vehicle bearing registration No.TN-24-V-8272, without any valid licence. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner, on his own volition, to show his



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bonafide, is ready and willing to deposit some amount to the credit of crime number without prejudice to his rights. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the accused were indulged in illegal transportation of 1 unit of stone, without any valid licence. He further submitted that the investigation in this case is still pending, 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) for the respondent and perused the entire materials available on record.

6. Merely, because the petitioner deposit the amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.



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7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, and also considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** to the credit of Crime No.158 of 2024, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and on such deposit, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the *learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Krishnagiri*, 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 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



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card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[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;

[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 has been imposed and the petitioner is 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]*; and;

[f] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC;

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