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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for an alleged offence punishable under Sections 24(1) of COPTA Act & 353 IPC in Crime No.305 of 2024, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Petitioner has no previous case pending against him. Co-accused had been released on bail. He further submits that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that on 03.06.2024, on secret information, the respondent police found the petitioner along with other accused selling tobacco products. The petitioner herein escaped from the scene of occurrence. Hence, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsels, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail



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to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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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 (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the *learned XVI 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, 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 is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/-** to the credit of the **Tamilnadu Advocate Clerk Association, Chennai**, Current Account No.484026006, IFSC No.IDIB000M157,**Indian Bank, High Court Branch**, 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.

(b)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;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police every alternative days at 10.30 a.m, for a



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period of eight weeks;

[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 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;

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

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