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T.V.THAMILSELVI,J.

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 294(b), 353, 506(i) IPC and 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act, in Crime No.257 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 and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegally selling of Kerala state lottery tickets, which was banned by the Tamilnadu Government. He further submitted that to get the numbers of the



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lottery tickets, its result known on the Kerala website, and thereby targeting the people who works daily, if the last four numbers falls Rs.10,000/-, three numbers Rs.5,000/-, two numbers, Rs.200 respectively. He further submitted that the petitioner has no previous case and the investigation is also completed. Hence, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. Taking into consideration the facts and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also considering the fact that the investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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 XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, 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



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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 shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of “Madras High Court Advocate Clerks Welfare Association, Chennai, A/c No. 484077244, Indian Bank, High Court Branch, IFSC Code : IDIB000M157,, 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 on every alternate days at 10.30 a.m., for a 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



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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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