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P.DHANABAL, J.

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Section 6(2), 6(3) of the Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) 1982 r/w Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1985 in Crime No.182 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that based on the complaint given by the *de facto complainant*, during checkup at Siruvakkam Vukkgae Ration Shop, shortage of Rice, Wheat, Dhall, Oil Cake was found worth Rs.64,345/-. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had not committed any offence as alleged and the petitioner had been falsely implicated in this case. He submitted that the petitioner is willing to furnish substantial sureties for his due release and abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and therefore, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the case has been registered against the petitioner who is the sales women for shortage of essential commodities worth Rs.64,345/- and there is no previous cases as against the petitioner and considering the gravity of offence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the representations made by both sides and considering the nature of offences charged against the petitioner and also taking into consideration of the fact that the FIR was registered on 18.08.2023 and so far no steps was taken to secure the accused and that there is no previous case as against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant **anticipatory bail** to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his/her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the ***Judicial Magistrate No.1, Thiruvallur*** 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



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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 report **before the respondent police everyday for a period of thirty days.**

[b] the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts of the Court or to any police officer.

[c] the petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall make himself/herself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

[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



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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]***.

[g] If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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