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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The Petitioner/A2 has filed an application in Crl.O.P.No.26494 of 2023 and the Petitioners/A3 and A4 have filed an application in Crl.O.P.No.24684 of 2023, both in same Crime No.286 of 2023 registered by the Respondent Police for the offences under Sections 4(1)(aaa) and 4(1)(i) of TN Prohibition Act, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is stated by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) that the Accused A2 is the owner of the bar and the Accused A3 and A4 are the employees of the TASMAL shop. It is stated that the Accused A3 and A4 had procured nearly about 687 bottles of Alcohol from TASMAL shop No.902 and handed it over to the Accused A2, who is the owner of the bar and also the Accused A1, who had sold it to the customers unlawfully. A counter had been filed, wherein, the manager of the TASMAL shop had verified that the liquor which had been seized belong to the TASMAL shop No.902.



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3. The learned counsel for the Petitioners stated that the Accused A1 had been arrested and had been granted bail. It is also stated that the Accused A3 and A4 only committed the offence along with the Accused A1 and that the Accused A2 is innocent of all the allegations but the Accused A2 is the owner of the bar.

4. Taking into consideration of the fact that the quantity of liquor bottles had been seized is huge and the fact that the Accused A1 had been granted bail only after being secured, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioners herein. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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