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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Section 20(1) of Cigarette and other tobacco products Acts 2003 and under Section 123 of BNS Act in Crime No.1133 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and first accused secretly sold bundles of tobacco products to the retailers. The respondent police seized 750 small hans packets weighing about 15 kgs from the 1st accused. Subsequently, the respondent police had taken the 1st accused to the Ennore shed where asbestos sheets were temporarily placed, the respondent police seized 180 kgs of Hans and 23 kg of Cool lip from the Ennore Othavadai shed. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any



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conditions that may be imposed by this Court and he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner and the first accused secretly sold bundles of tobacco products to the retailers and he further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the representations made by both sides and considering the nature of offences charged against the petitioner and the petitioner is arrayed as an accused only based on the confession statement of the co-accused and no previous case is pending 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, Thiruvottiyur** on condition that the petitioner shall



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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 shall report **before the respondent police daily at 10.30 A.M. for a period of 30 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



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action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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]***.

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

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