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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

Apprehending arrest in connection with Crime No.Not known of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS r/w. Section 135 of the Indian Electricity Act, 2003, the present petition has been filed seeking anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 18.11.2024, the Assistant Engineer, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, lodged a complaint before the respondent police, stating that, when he conducted a inspection on the petitioners land, he found that the petitioner has committed theft of current from the electricity board. Hence, the case.

3. Pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner, false implication in the case, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks indulgence of this court. He would submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. He also submits that the petitioner, without prejudice to the defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.45,000/- as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government or any organization. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



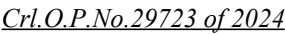
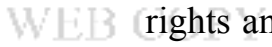
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4. The case of the prosecution as putforth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing for grant of anticipatory bail, would submit that the petitioner illegally taken current from the electricity board and the charge amounts to Rs.87,000/- further a compounding charge of Rs.10,000/- also incurred.

5. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Thousand only)** as non refundable deposit to "**concerned Electricity Board Officials**" without prejudice to the right of defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

6. Further, having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record, this court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.45,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Thousand only)** directly to the



[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of his Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

**[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent
police daily at 10.30 a.m, until further orders;**

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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

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[e] 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 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]**;

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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