



CrI.O.P.No.5559 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.02.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Dharani Babu

...Petitioner/Accused-2

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID, Salem.
(Crime No.40 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in Crime No.40 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Senthilvel
For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (CrI. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent, seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.40 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 6(4) of TN Schedule Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 and 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in

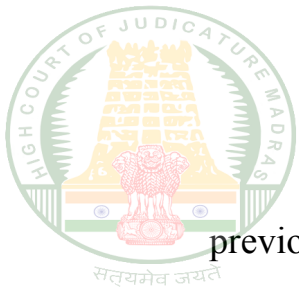
illegal possession of 2000 kgs of PDS rice. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, he sought for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that one previous case is pending against the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration, the fact that the contraband was seized and the petitioner is on bail in other



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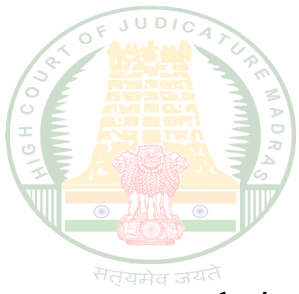
previous case and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate II, Salem**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

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

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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

[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 B.N.S.

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- 2.The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Salem.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

SUNDER MOHAN, J.

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