



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP No. 7693 of 2025

1. Billal

2. Sathya Raju G.S

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by,

The Inspector of Police,

CSCID Police, Tirupattur Unit, Tirupattur District.

Respondent(s)

(Crime No.23 of 2025)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Sathish Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Santhosh,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

PRAYER To enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest by the Respondent in Crime No.23 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent.

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Section 6(4) of TN Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 r/w Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.23 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.



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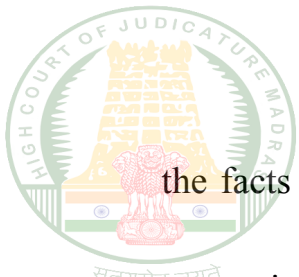
2. The case of the prosecution is that, the accused had illegally transported 13,000 kilograms of PDS rice in a Eicher lorry.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent; that they have been falsely implicated in this case and prayed for anticipatory bail for the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A1 & A5, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the first petitioner has six previous cases and in respect of the second petitioner, there is no bad antecedents.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking note of the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side and considering the antecedents of the first petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the first petitioner. Further, considering



the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, the fact that the properties were seized, the fact that the second petitioner has no bad antecedents and since, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the second petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition in respect of the first petitioner is dismissed and in respect of the second petitioner, the petition ordered. Thereby, the second 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 No.IV, Vellore**, on condition that the second 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:



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[a] the second petitioner and 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 second petitioner shall report before the respondent Police as and when required for interrogation.

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

[d] the second petitioner shall not abscond 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 second petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the second 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 B.N.S.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police, CSCID Police, Tirupattur Unit, Tirupattur District.
2. The Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore.

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