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Crl.O.P.No.27384 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **03.10.2025**

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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Akbar Basha @ Annubhai

... Petitioner

Versus

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supply C.I.D.,
Tirupattur, Tirupattur District.
(Crime No.190 of 2025)

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime.No.190 of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent .

For Petitioner : Mr. E. Kannadasan

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

ORDER



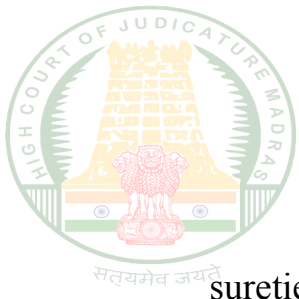
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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 6(4) of the Tamil Nadu Schedule Commodities (Regulation and Distribution Through Card System) (TNSC(RDCS)) Order, 1982 r/w Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.190 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that while the respondent police were conducting an inspection, they seized 104 bags of PDS rice, weighing about 5000 kilograms, from a Mandapam. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the petitioner was involved in the illegal storage of rice meant for the Public Distribution Scheme, with the intention of selling it to the general public at a higher price for his personal gain. Hence, this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the petitioner has never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent



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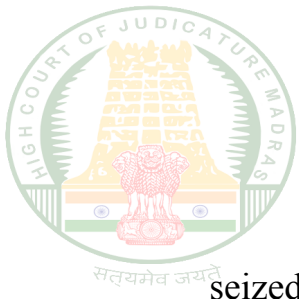
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sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertakes to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution's case and on instruction submitted that the total quantity of PDS rice seized in this case is 5000 kilograms; that the petitioner has one previous case; that he was caught red-handed at the scene of occurrence; and that the investigation is still pending.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband was already



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seized and since the 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate No.4, Vellore**, on condition that the petitioner shall 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[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 their 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



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orders;

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

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or during the 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 was 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 petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai – 104.



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N.SENTHILKUMAR, J.

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