



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 18007 of 2026

Salman

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Palladam Police Station,
Cr. No.1271 of 2025

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.8 on bail in Crime No.1271 of 2025, on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.G.Sasikannan

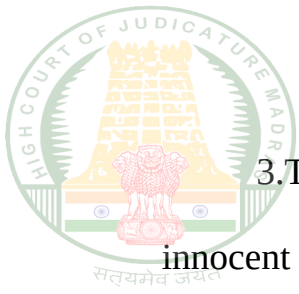
For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar, Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.12.2025 for the alleged offences under Sections 8 (c), 20 (b) (ii) (C) and 29 (1) of NDPS Act, in Crime No.1271 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 46.56 kg of Ganja. Hence the case.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been in custody since 22.12.2025. He further contended that no recovery was made from the petitioner. He further stated that the charge sheet has been filed and taken on file in C.C.No.379 of 2026 by the EC Court, Coimbatore. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. At this juncture, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that there are totally ten accused persons and the petitioner is arrayed as A8. He further submitted that as per the confession statement of A10, a sum of Rs.25,000/- was sent to A8 / Salman. Hence, there is a clear material establishing a money trail. Therefore, he strongly opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. No doubt, even according to the prosecution case, no recovery was made from the petitioner. However, in order to bring the petitioner under Section 29 of the NDPS Act, and to link the possession of the contraband held by the other accused to the conscious possession of the petitioner, the



prosecution relies upon the money trial. Since the petitioner had received Rs.25,000/- from the other accused, this Court is of the firm view that there is a *prima-facie* case of conscious possession against the petitioner. Although no recovery was made directly from the petitioner, this case involves 46.560 kg of ganja, which constitutes a commercial quantity. Based on the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court cannot find any material to overcome the rigour under Section 37 of the NDPS Act. Hence, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Palladam Police Station.

2.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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