



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 17381 of 2026

M.R. Neethiraajan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep.by, The Inspector of Police,
Velampalayam Police Station,
Tiruppur North Taluk,
Tiruppur District.
Cr.No.0253/2026.

..Respondent(s)

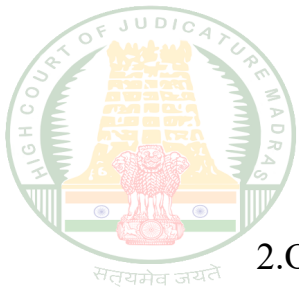
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner / Accused on bail in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.0253/2026 dated 28.06.2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Velampalayam Police Station, Tiruppur District.

For Petitioner(s): MR.S.R.SINGARAVELAN ,SR.COUNSEL FOR
M/S. I. Saddam Hussain

For Respondent(s): MS.R.S.INDIRA, GOVT.ADVOCATE
(CRL.SIDE)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Sections 24 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937, in Crime No.0253 of 2026**, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

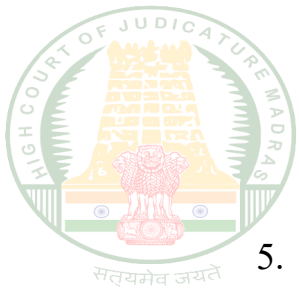


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2. On 28.06.2026, at approximately 8:00 PM, a police patrol team was conducting vehicle patrolling duties near the DCC office within the jurisdiction of the Velampalayam Police Station. During the patrol, they intercepted the accused, who was found carrying a bag. Upon a physical inspection of the bag, the police discovered that it contained FL2 liquor bottles. When questioned, the accused failed to produce any valid permit or licence authorizing the possession or transportation of the said liquor. Consequently, the police seized the liquor bottles as contraband and formally registered a criminal case against the petitioner/accused.

3. The learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that although the petitioner has been charged for permitting unauthorized members to enter the club, he is merely a member of the club and he exercises no administrative control over its operations. Furthermore, the learned Senior counsel clarifies that the petitioner is simply the owner of the adjacent building, which functions as a marriage hall. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent would fairly submit that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents. However, he opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent.

6. Taking into consideration of the above facts and circumstances and also considering the above submissions made on either side especially the case of no control in the club, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Tiruppur**, on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)**, with **two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety ship (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The



learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

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(c) The petitioner shall sign before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*;

(e) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Velampalayam Police Station,
Tiruppur North Taluk,
Tiruppur District.
- 2.The Judicial Magistrate No.III, Tiruppur.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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