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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.07.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Gopal
S/o.Ravi

..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep By,
Inspector of Police,
Vellore North Police Station,
Vellore, Vellore District.
(Crime No.249 of 2026)

..Respondent

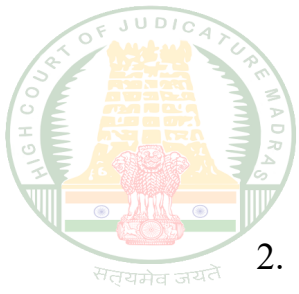
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in Crime.No.249/2026 pending on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner: Mr.G.Vinodh Kumar

For Respondent: Mr.N.Palanivel,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(C) of TNP Act in Crime No.249 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

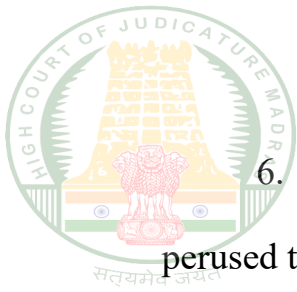


2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of 60 bottles of liquor. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the contraband was seized. He would submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and sought for anticipatory bail.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there is no previous case against the petitioner and liquor bottles were seized. However, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defense and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization.



6. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

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7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, taking note of the submissions made by the learned counsel on both sides and also considering the fact that 60 bottles of liquor were seized, this Court is of the firm view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on 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 is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate – IV, Vellore**, 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned 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;



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(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;

(c) the petitioner shall make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) in favour of the Dean, Vellore Government Medical College and Hospital, Vellore**, to comply with the conditions imposed by this Court in Crl.O.P.No. 19735 of 2026 dated 23.07.2026, within two weeks from the date on which the order copy is made ready, failing which, the anticipatory bail shall stand automatically cancelled;

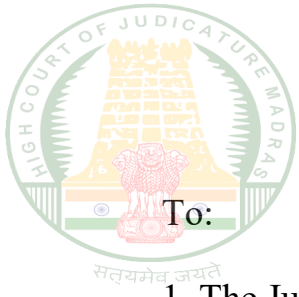
(d) The petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

(e) 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]***;

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

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1. The Judicial Magistrate IV, Vellore.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Vellore North Police Station,
Vellore, Vellore District.

3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras



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