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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

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1. Narendra Kumar
S/o. Mangalram,
No.25, Amman Nagar, Amman Koil West,
Coimbatore, Coimbatore north Taluk,
Tamilnadu – 641003.
2. Surendrasingh
S/o. Kalusingh,
No.64,65, Telugu Street,
Telugu Veedhi, Coimbatore,
Coimbatore south Taluk,
Chennai – 641001.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Variety Hall Police Station,
Coimbatore City Road.
Crime No.158 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioners on bail in Crime No.158/2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police and render justice

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Balaji

For Respondent(s): M.M.I.Khaleel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on



22.07.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B), 25, 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.158 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found to be in possession of 4.100 kgs of ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioners.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the 1st petitioner has no criminal antecedents and the recovery from this petitioner is 3 kg of ganja and with regard to 2nd petitioner, he has one previous case, but not similar in nature and the recovery from this petitioner is 100 grams of ganja, which falls under an intermediate quantity. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, the learned



Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case; taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side); considering the totality of the circumstances and considering the fact that the 1st petitioner has no criminal antecedents, and that, though the 2nd petitioner has one previous case, it is not similar in nature, and that the total quantity of contraband involved is an intermediate quantity coupled with the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned V Judicial Magistrate at Coimbatore**, and on further conditions that:

[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;



[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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)13 SCC 283]**;

[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 Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Coimbatore.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Variety Hall Police Station,
Coimbatore City Road.

3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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