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Crl.O.P.No.22834 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-08-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. RAMESH

CRL OP NO.22834 of 2026

Rahul Kumar

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

State Rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
PEW Coimbatore City P.S.,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.132 of 2026)

... Respondent/ Complainant

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant bail to the petitioner/accused in
Crime No.132 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : M/s. Pavithra Priyadarshini

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



ORDER

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.07.2026 based on a secret information, the respondent police went to the place of occurrence and found that A1/ Gowtham was found in possession of 1.500 kilograms of ganja; that based on the confession of A1, the petitioner herein/ A2 and another accused/ A3 were arrested and they were found in possession of 1.250 kilograms each. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he is in judicial custody since 25.07.2026. He further submitted that the alleged seizure effected from the petitioner alone is small quantity. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought for bail to the petitioner.



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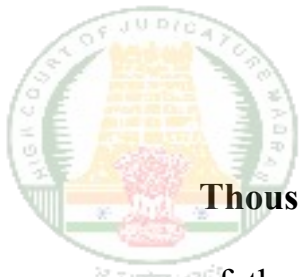


4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent while opposing the bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that there are totally three accused involved in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A2; that the total quantity of ganja involved in this case is 4 kilograms and from this petitioner alone 1.250 kilograms of ganja was seized; that the petitioner has no previous case; and that the investigation of this case is pending.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the fact that the contraband involved in this case is intermediate quantity, the petitioner has no previous antecedents and also taking note of the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five**



Thousand only) with two sureties, for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate VI, Coimbatore** and subject to the following conditions:

[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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

[d] the petitioner 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 take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State***



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of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];

[f] if the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

24.08.2026

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Note:

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The Judicial Magistrate VI, Coimbatore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
PEW Coimbatore City P.S.,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.132 of 2026)
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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