



Crl.O.P.No.26199 of 2022

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.10.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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Srinivasan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,  
The Inspector of Police,  
Katoor Police Station  
Coimbatore City.

(Crime No.492/2022).

... Respondent

**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petitions filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,  
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in connection  
with the Crime No.492 of 2022 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramesh

For Respondent : Mr.C.E.Pratp  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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## **ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.10.2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 24(1) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 read with Section 273 and 328 of IPC in Crime No.492 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were found in possession of banned tobacco products weighing 12.569 kgs worth about Rs.10,000/-.. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would also submit that without prejudice, the petitioner is prepared to deposit some considerable amount to any welfare scheme of the Government and hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that, apart from this case, there are four previous



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cases pending against the petitioner. Therefore, he vehemently opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6. In order to curb the illegal activities of smuggling of tobacco products, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand only) as non refundable deposit to "The Dean/Medical Officer, Government Medical College and Hospital, Coimbatore District" without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. Merely, because the petitioner deposits the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.



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8. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel and also taking note of the fact that the petitioner is prepared to deposit Rs.30,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand only) by way of Demand Draft/RTGS/NEFT to the Dean, Government Medical College and Hospital, Coimbatore District**" without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond each for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only ) with two sureties**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate II, Coimbatore** and on further conditions that:



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[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book 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 evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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)AIR SCW 5560]*;

[f] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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2. The Inspector of Police,  
Katoor Police Station  
Coimbatore City.
3. The Central Prison,  
Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras.

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