



Crl.O.P.No.28075 of 2022

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.11.2022

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

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K.Shanmugam

.....Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Kondalampatty Police Station,
Salem District.

(Crime No.514/2022).

...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with the Crime No.514
of 2022, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Sundarapandiyan

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



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.09.2022, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with Section 20(b) (ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in Crime No.514 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 illegal possession of 3 kgs of ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and since, he was travelling along with A1, the petitioner has been implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is in custody from 29.09.2022. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of 3 kgs of ganja. He would further submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he would oppose for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. The respondent filed detailed counter.

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

7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the



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satisfaction of the **learned Special Judge for EC/NDPS Act Cases, Salem**

and on further conditions that:

[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 twice daily at 10.30 a.m., and 05.30.p.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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To

1. The Special Judge for EC/NDPS Act Cases,
Salem.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Kondalampatty Police Station,
Salem District.
3. The Central Jail,
Salem.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA.,J.



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