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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.04.2024

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THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.9764 of 2024

P.R. Ravichandran

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police
V-6, Kolathur Police Station,
Kolathur, Chennai.
Crime No. 80 of 2024

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with crime No. 80 of
2024 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Madhusudanan
For Respondent : Mr.V.Meganathan, B.A., B.L.,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.03.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 24(1) of (COTPA) Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, **2003 Act and Section 328 IPC in crime No. 80 of 2024** on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent police found the accused persons with the possession of 7 kgs of banned Tobacco Products. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. However, on instructions, he stated that, the petitioner is ready to deposit any amount for charitable purpose as imposed by this Court. On the other side, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submits that respondent police found he accused persons with the possession of 7 kgs of banned Tobacco Products. Further, he stated that there is one previous cases pending against the petitioner.



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4. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and also the investigation is almost completed. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** with **two sureties (one must be a blood surety)**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned XIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai** 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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two months. Further, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Fiteen Thousand Only)** to the credit of Registered Advocate Clerk Welfare



Association, Chennai, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;

[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 XIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.

2. The Inspector of Police
V-6, Kolathur Police Station,
Kolathur, Chennai.

3. The Central Puzhal Prison, Puzhal.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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