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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.06.2024

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

Crl.O.P.No.10324 of 2024

Santhanam

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police
NIB - CID, Salem.
Crime No. 50 of 2023

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to grant bail to the petitioner/accused No.1 in crime No. 50 of 2023
pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Radha Pandian
For Respondent : Mr.V.Meganathan, B.A., B.L.,
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

ORDER



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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.10.2023 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8 (c) r/w 20 (b)(ii)(C) 29(1) of NDPS Act, in crime No. 50 of 2023 on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent police found the accused persons with illegal possession of 32 kilograms of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to allow this petition.

4. On the other side, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submits that 14 kgs of contraband seized from the petitioner. Hence, he raised objection to grant bail.

5. Considering the facts of the case, the contraband seized from the petitioner is intermediate quantity and also the petitioner is having no previous cases. Further, the investigation has been completed and final report also filed. 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 Judicial Magistrate - II, 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 on every Tuesday and Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three months.

[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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T.V.THAMILSELVI,J.

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To

1. The **Judicial Magistrate - II, Salem**
2. The Inspector of Police
NIB - CID, Salem.
3. The Central Prison, Salem.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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