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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :29.07.2024

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

Crl.O.P.No.16568 of 2024

Muthulakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police
N3, Muthaiyalpet Police Station,
Chennai - 600 01.
Crime No. 138 of 2024

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail in crime No. 138 of 2024 pending
investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ravichandran
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 07.06.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 273, 353 of IPC, and under Section 6(b), 24(1) of (COTPA) Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, **2003 in crime No. 138 of 2024** on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent police seized 3 kgs of banned Tobacco Products from the petitioner. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. On the other side, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submits that there is one previous cases pending against the petitioner.

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.



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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 XVI M.M, G.T, 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 on alternative days at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two months. Further, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Only)** to the credit of **Tamil Nadu 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 XVI, M.M., G.T., Chennai,
- 2.The Inspector of Police
N3, Muthaiyalpet Police Station,
Chennai - 600 01.
3. The Central Prison, Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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