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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.08.2024

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

Crl.O.P.No.18714 of 2024

Pothuraju Ramana

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by.
The Inspector of Police
Guduvanchery PEW Police station,
Chennai District.
Crime No. 35 of 2024

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C.,
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in crime No. 35 of 2024 on the file
of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kasirajan
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 01.02.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8 (c) r/w 20 (b)(ii)(c) 29(1), of NDPS Act, in crime No. 35 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 possession of 10 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the case.

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

4. On the other side, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submits that contraband seized from the petitioner is commercial quantity. However, he raised objection to grant bail.

5. Considering the facts of the case, the contraband seized from the petitioner is intermediate quantity and investigation is almost completed. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.



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6. 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 Principal Special EC & NDPS Court, 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., until further order. Further, the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs. 20,000/- to the credit of Registered Advocate Clerks' Welfare Association, Chennai.

[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 **Principal Special EC and NDPS Court, Chennai.**
2. The Inspector of Police
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Chennai District.
3. The Central prison, Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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