



Crl.O.P.No.18440 of 2024

T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.07.2023, in Crime No.443 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C) 7(5) & 20(2) of NDPS Act, seeks bail.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that this is the second petition and the earlier petition was dismissed by this Court in Crl.OP.No.14405 of 2024 dated 01.07.2024. He further submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case, as if the petitioner along with other accused was found in possession of 21.5 kgs of ganja. He further submitted that the petitioner is in no way connected with the alleged offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is suffering incarceration from 19.07.2023 and he is ready to abide any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in illegal possession of 21.500 kgs of ganja, which is a commercial quantity. He further submitted that the petitioner has nine

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previous cases. He further submitted that now the case is posted for trial on 09.08.2024 for the examination of LW1. However, he vehemently opposed for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

5. Taking into consideration the quantity of the contraband seized from the petitioner is a commercial quantity, and it needs detailed investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. However, the Trial Court is directed to complete the trial as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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