



Crl.O.P.No.25183 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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Lakshmi

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police
H-5 New Washermenpet Police Station,
Chennai
(Crime No.1021 of 2024)

...Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.1021 of 2024 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S. Anbu Selvan

For Respondent : Mr.S.Vinothkumar
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.09.2024 for the offences under Sections 275,123 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 and Section 7, 9(ii) of TN Prohibition of smoking and spitting Act 2003 and Section 6, 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act 2003 in Crime No.1021 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 70 pockets of Maava and 5 packets of Hans which is a banned tobacco product. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and she has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 22.09.2024 ; that she is a law-abiding citizen; that she is ready to furnish substantial



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sureties for his due release on bail, therefore, he prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner by stating that the petitioner was found in possession of 70 pockets of Maava and 5 packets of Hans which is a banned tobacco product. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the representation made on both sides and the quantity of material involved in this case, there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and considering all other factors and also taking into consideration the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions:



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7. 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, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai** and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police every saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[b] the petitioner shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond;

[c] the Petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he is suspected;

[d] the Petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;



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[e] the Petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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]; and

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

- 1.The **XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai**
- 2.The Central Prison,Puzhal , Chennai
- 3The Inspector of Police
H-5 New Washermenpet Police Station,
Chennai
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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P.DHANABAL, J.

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