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Crl.O.P.No.26270 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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Pukhraj

...Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs.

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
C-2, Race Course Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.448 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.448 of 2024 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Parthiban

For Respondent : Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocat (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner/sole accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.09.2024 for the offences under Sections 6(a), 24(1) of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and 123 of the BNS in Crime No.448 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 60 kg of banned tobacco products, which were worth about Rs.45,000/-. Hence the complaint.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 23.09.2024; that he is a law-abiding citizen; that he is ready to furnish substantial sureties for his due release on bail; and therefore, he prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 60 kg of banned tobacco products, which were worth about Rs.45,000/-. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the representation made by both sides, the nature of offences, the quantity involved in this case, that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner and also considering the incarceration period undergone by the petitioner from 23.09.2024, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions:

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**



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only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned *Judicial Magistrate Court-III, Coimbatore*, and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of thirty days and thereafter, as and when required for the 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;

[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



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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 of the B.N.S.

23.10.2024

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Judge Court – III,
Coimbatore.
- 2.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Coimbatore.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
C-2, Race Course Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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