



CrI.O.P.No.27189 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.10.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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Khotaram

...Petitioner

Vs.

State by:

The Inspector of Police

Bagalur Police Station

Krishnagiri District

(Crime No.317 of 2024)

...Respondent

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.317 of 2024 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.M.Jayachandran

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



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.10.2024 for the offences under Section 123 of Bharathiya Nyaya Santhita (BNS), 2023 and Section 20(1) of COTPA Act 2003, in Crime No.317 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 392 kgs. of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.2,30,000/-. Hence, this case.

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 19.10.2024; that he is a law-abiding citizen; that he is ready to furnish substantial sureties for his due release on bail. Therefore, he prays for the grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner stating that the petitioner is the sole accused and he was found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.2,30,000/-. He further submitted that there is no previous case against the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the nature of offence and the fact that there is no previous case against the petitioner, and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 19.10.2024, and also considering all others factors, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to 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 only)** with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Hosur**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent



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police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

[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 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];



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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 Judicial Magistrate No.I
Hosur
- 2.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Jail, Salem
3. The Inspector of Police
Bagalur Police Station
Krishnagiri District
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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P.DHANABAL, J.

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