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CrI.O.P.No.27913 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.11.2024

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.27913 of 2024

Venkatesan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Tirupattur Town Police Station,
Tirupattur District.

(Crime No.416 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.416 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Thangavel

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.10.2024, seeking bail in Crime No.416 of 2024 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c) and 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act, 1985 r/w Sections 123 and 308(5) of BNS, 2023.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 40 grams of Cannabis/ganja and cash of Rs.5,000/-. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is false and he is in custody from 08.10.2024. He further submitted that there is no previous case against the petitioner and only based on the confession statement of the co-accused, he has been roped in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 40 grams of Cannabis/ganja and cash of Rs.5,000/-. He further submitted that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, hence, he opposed for granting bail to the petitioner.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defense and contention, is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.5,000/- as non-refundable deposit to any



welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

7. On considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) as non refundable deposit to concerned "District Legal Services Authority, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

8. Merely because the petitioner deposits the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

9. Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and that no previous case is pending against him, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

10. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on



condition to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the credit of concerned **"District Legal Services Authority,** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court and on such deposit and production of proof, 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 – 1, Thirupathur,** 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, everyday at 06.30 p.m., until further orders;**

[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***



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[(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

[f] 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 1, Thirupathur.
2. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Tirupattur Town Police Station,
Tirupattur District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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