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CrI.O.P.No.994 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.01.2025

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

CrI.O.P.No.994 of 2025

Ramesh Kumar @ Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
PEW Anna Nagar Unit,
Chennai.
(Crime No.412 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with Crime No.412 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Sundara Rajan

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

ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.412 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, is on board for consideration.



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2. The incarceration of the petitioner being from 13.11.2024 pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner and false implication in the case, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks indulgence of this Court. He also submits that even as per the prosecution, the alleged contraband recovered from the petitioner is not a commercial quantity, however, the petitioner, without prejudice to the defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

3. The case of the prosecution as put forth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing for grant of bail, is that the accused was found to be in illegal possession of 1.200 kilograms of Ganja. He further submits that 19 previous cases including 9 NDPS Act cases are pending against the petitioner.

4. 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)** to the credit of "Charu Home for Aged, Account Number : 2771201000291, IFSC Code : CNRB0002771, Canara



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Bank, Mahila Br., T.Nagar Chennai - 17", without prejudice to the right of defence before the trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

5. Further, having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions and accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties (out of which, one of the sureties should be the blood related surety of the petitioner)**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Principal Sessions Judge NDPS Special Judge, Chennai**, 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;



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[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 [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]***;

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

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To

1. The Principal Sessions Judge NDPS Special Judge,
Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
PEW Anna Nagar Unit,
Chennai.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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