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Crl.O.P.No.1598 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.01.2025

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

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Subramanian

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Thalavadi Police Station,
Erode District.
(Crime No.185 of 2024).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in connection with Crime No.185 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. Deepanuday

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



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ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.185 of 2024 registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(b), r/w. 20(a)(i) of the NDPS Act, 1985, is on board for consideration.

2. The incarceration of the petitioner being from 26.12.2024 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 the petitioner is a farmer, and he is not aware about the growth of ganja plants in his land and no way connected with the alleged offence. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. He further submits that the petitioner, without prejudice to the defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization.

3. The case of the prosecution as putforth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police,



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opposing for grant of bail, by stating that the petitioner herein had cultivated four marijuana/ ganja plants weighing about 15 kilograms in his land. He further submits that the petitioner has no previous case.

4. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** to the credit of "**District Legal Services Authority, Erode District**", 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. 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 taking note of 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**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of **the learned Additional District Judge/ Presiding Officer,**



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Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore 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 10.30 a.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 [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];***



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[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 Additional District Judge/ Presiding Officer,
Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases,
Coimbatore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thalavadi Police Station,
Erode District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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