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Crl.O.P.No.2328 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 31.01.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Angamuthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Gingee Police Station,
Villupuram District.
(Crime No.13 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.13 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.R.Appaswamee

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

ORDER

This petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.01.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.13 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 274, 275 & 123 of BNS r/w Sections 24(1) r/w 6(b) of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of banned tobacco products viz., 230 Hans packets and 150 Cool lip packets. 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 09.01.2025. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of banned tobacco products. He further submitted that 10 previous similar nature cases are pending against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of 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.10,000/- 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.



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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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) as non refundable deposit to "District Legal Services Authority, Villupuram District", without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. 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.

8. Considering the nature of allegation and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** to the credit of "**District Legal Services Authority,**



Villupuram District", 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, Gingee**, 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]***;

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can



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be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Gingee.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Gingee Police Station,
Villupuram District.
3. The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Gingee.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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