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Crl.O.P.No.2402 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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Selvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supplies CID,
Vellore Unit, Vellore.
(Crime No.259 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.259 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Adithya Varadarajan

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 31.12.2024, seeking bail in Crime No.259 of 2024 registered for the offence under Sections 6(4) TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 and Section 7(1)(a)(ii) Essential Commodities Act.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused found to be in illegal possession of 1500 kgs of PDS rice and 4300 kgs of Dhal. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused have been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.1194 of 2025 dated 17.01.2025. He also submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 31.12.2024 and he is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. 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 accused found to be in illegal possession of 1500 kgs of PDS rice and 4300 kgs of Dhal. He further submitted that there is one previous case against the petitioner.



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5. 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.

6. Considering the nature of allegation, period of incarceration and since further custody is not required for the purpose of investigation in this case, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore**, 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;



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[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 be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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1. Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Vellore Unit, Vellore.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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