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Crl.O.P.No.3372 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.02.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police
H-1, Washermenpet Police Station
Chennai. (Crime No.957 of 2024)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.957 of 2024 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Ms.R.Saritha

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 26.12.2024, seeking bail in Crime No.957 of 2024 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c) r/w. 20(b)(ii)(B), 29(1) of the NDPS Act and 25(1)(A) of Arms Act.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on information, the respondent had arrested the petitioner/A2 along with other accused, who were found to be in possession of 1 kg and 200 grams of ganja.



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 also submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 26.12.2024 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, reiterated the case of the prosecution. The learned Government Advocate further submitted that there are eight previous cases against the petitioner, for IPC offences.

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 allegations, period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and the quantity of contraband seized in this case and the fact that the previous cases have been registered for the offences under IPC and the petitioner was released on bail in all those cases and since further custody is not required for the purpose of interrogation, 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 **Metropolitan Magistrate XV, George Town, 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 is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only)** to the credit of the "**District Legal Services Authority, Chennai**", without prejudice to the right of defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

[c] **the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;**

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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]***;

[g] 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 Metropolitan Magistrate XV,
George Town, Chennai

2.The Inspector of Police
H-1, Washermenpet Police Station
Chennai.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Puzhal, Chennai

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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