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CRL O.P. No.3263 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 10.02.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Soodalaikannan @ Sudalaikannan
S/o. Poologa Pandiyan @ Poobathi Pandiyan... Petitioner / Accused-1

Vs

State rep. by:-

The Inspector Of Police,
E-1 Singanallur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
[Cr. No.74 of 2025]

... Respondent

PRAYER: - The Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of
B.N.S.S., praying to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner / Accused - 1
in Crime No.74 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. Narayana Prasadh

For Respondent : Mr. S. Balaji,
Government Advocate
[Criminal side]

ORDER



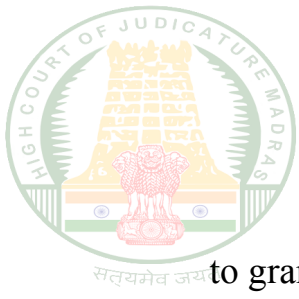
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The petitioner / Accused-1, who apprehends arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 123 of B.N.S. and Section 6(b) and 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 in connection with the case in Crime No.74 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 02.02.2025, based on the secret information regarding the illegal trafficking of banned Tobacco products, the police party went to the scene of occurrence near Hari Sree Bakery, Kamarajar Road, Singanallur, Coimbatore and intercepted one Omni Van bearing Registration No.TN37-B-7800 and found A2 with illegal possession of 8.200 kgs of banned Tobacco products.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the petitioner is an innocent; that he has been falsely implicated based on the confession statement of co-accused; that materials were seized only from the co-accused and no recovery was made from this petitioner; and that the custodial interrogation is not required in this case and hence prayed



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to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), per contra, would submit that the petitioner is A1, that A2 and A3 were found in possession of contraband and the investigation reveals that A2 and A3 had purchased the said contraband from A1 and sold for their personal gain and that there are 2 previous cases against the petitioner, however, he is in bail in those cases.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of allegations; the fact that the petitioner is sought to be implicated as accused based on the confession statement of A1; that no contraband was recovered from this petitioner; that the co-accused were already granted bail and the petitioner is in bail in all other previous cases and since the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is



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not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate-III, Coimbatore** on condition that petitioner shall execute 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 respondent Police or the Police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and 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 tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

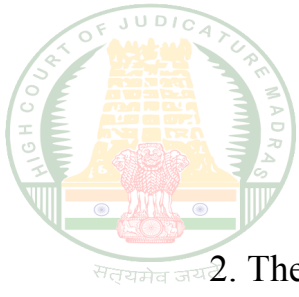
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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate-III, Coimbatore.

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2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

3. The Inspector Of Police, E-1 Singanallur Police Station, Coimbatore District.

SUNDER MOHAN. J.,

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