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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.02.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.3854 of 2025

Muthukumar

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Kanchipuram District.
(Crime No.1 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.1 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ramachandran

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.01.2025, seeking bail



in Crime No.01 of 2025 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) and Section 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that based on the secret information, the respondent police intercepted the petitioner along with other accused, who was in illegal possession of 12 kgs of ganja. Hence, the complaint.

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 petitioner is in custody from 12.01.2025 and he is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that there are two accused in this case and the petitioner herein is ranked as A1. He further submits that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in illegal possession of 12 kgs of ganja and that the contraband seized from this petitioner/A1 is 6 kgs of ganja, which is an intermediate quantity. He further submitted that the



petitioner has no previous case, pending against him. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

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5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.15,000/- to any welfare scheme run by the Government. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. Heard the learned Counsel 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.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) by way of Demand Draft to the **Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Regional Centre, Kanchipuram** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.



8. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited 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.

9. Taking into consideration the facts of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel and taking note of the fact that the alleged contraband said to have recovered from the petitioner is an intermediate quantity and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

10. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** directly by way of Demand Draft to the **Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Regional Centre, Kanchipuram** 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 blood sureties, each
for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate,**
Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District, 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. and 6.30 p.m, for a period of 30 days;

[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]***;



G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

14.02.2025

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- 1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District.
2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal. Chennai.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
4. The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Kanchipuram District.

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