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Crl.O.P.No.3774 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-02-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP NO. 3774 of 2025

CHINNATHAMBI

Vs

Petitioner(s)

State Rep. by The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing, Thirupathur,
Thirupathur District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police concerned in Crime No.3 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Thulasi R

For Respondent(s): Mr. S. Balaji, Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



ORDER

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2. The case of the prosecution is that, while the respondent police were on their routine patrol duty, they found that the accused person/ A1 was in illegal possession of 144 packets of Carnival XXX Rum (each packet containing 180 ml); that upon investigation, she confessed that the petitioner had purchased the said contraband from the State of Karnataka and instigated her to sell the same for higher price. Hence, this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession of the co-accused; that the petitioner had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; that the co-accused / A1 was arrested and released on bail vide order dated 20.01.2025 in Crl.M.P.No.170 of 2025; and that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent



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sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertake to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that the petitioner has two previous cases of similar nature; and that the investigation is pending, hence opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the nature of allegation against the petitioner, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband was seized, the petitioner has been implicated only on the confession of the co-accused, the fact that the co-accused was arrested and released on bail, the petitioner is on bail in the other cases and since, custodial interrogation is



not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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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 on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tirupattur** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 condition 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.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or



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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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

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SUNDER MOHAN, J.

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