



Crl.O.P.No.5227 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.02.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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1. Saminathan
2. Selvaraj

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Vedaranyam Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
(Crime No.37 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in connection with the Crime No.37 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Shanmugarajeswaran

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.37 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 123 of BNS Act (328 of IPC) read with Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found to be in illegal possession of 39 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are in custody from 15.02.2025 and since the contraband has been seized, the petitioners may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) reiterated the case of the prosecution and submitted that there are no previous cases against the petitioners.

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

6. Considering, the fact that the contraband has been seized; period of incarceration; no previous cases; and since further custody is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.



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7. Accordingly, the petitioners are 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 **District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam**

[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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]***;



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

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To

1. District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate,
Vedaranyam.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Vedaranyam Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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SUNDER MOHAN., J.

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