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CRL OP NO.6651 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Venkatesan

Petitioner

Vs

State Rep By,
The Inspector Of Police
PEW Ulundurpet Police Station,
Kallakurichi District
(Cr.No 02 of 2025)

Respondent

Prayer:

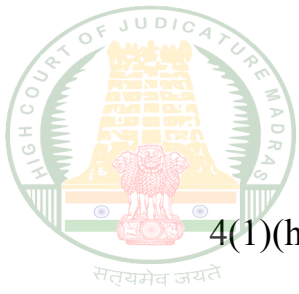
Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner / Accused on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.02 of 2025 pending
on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner: Mr.M.D.Ilayaraja

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(aaa),



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4(1)(h), 4(1)(b), 4(1)(i) of the TNP Act, 4(1)(A)(TNP Amendment Act 2024) 14 (A) TNP Act and 318, 336, 340 and 341 of the BNS Act in Crime No.02 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the co-accused were found in possession of 50 boxes of brandy bottles and the petitioner was implicated on the confession of the co-accused.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the contraband were seized from the co-accused; that the petitioner was sought to be implicated on the confession of the co-accused; that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and that some of the co-accused were arrested and released on bail and hence, sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the



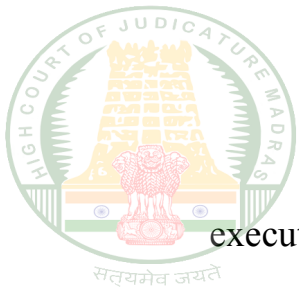
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petitioner has no bad antecedents and that the contraband were seized from co-accused.

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

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the contraband were seized from the co-accused, the petitioner was implicated based on the confession of the co-accused, the petitioner has no bad antecedents, the co-accused were arrested and released on bail and since, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with 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 on which the order copy made ready, before **the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ulundurpet** on condition that the petitioner shall



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execute a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten**

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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 every day at 10:30 a.m., until further orders;

[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].



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

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- 2.The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ulundurpet
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court Madras.



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