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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

Crl.O.P.No.6048 of 2025

Venkatesh

S/o. Munirathinam

...Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State rep by

The Inspector of Police,
CSCID, Chennai Unit (North),
Chennai.

(Crime No.48 of 2025)

... Respondent

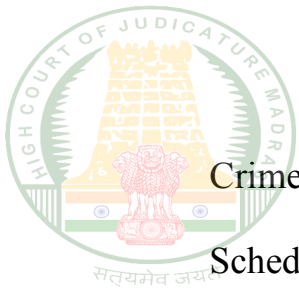
PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.48 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Illiyas

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.02.2025, seeking bail in



Crime No.48 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 6(4) of the Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order 1982 and Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 1230 kgs of PDS rice. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the allegations are false; the contraband has been seized and in any case, considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 13.02.2025, he may be released on bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner and the contraband has been seized.

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



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6.Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration, the fact the petitioner is on bail in the other case, the contraband has been seized and since further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioner is 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 **VI Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai**, 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., until further orders;

[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;

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[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 B.N.S.

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1. The Inspector of Police,
CSCID, Chennai Unit (North),
Chennai.

2. The VI Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.

3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Puzhal.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

SUNDER MOHAN, J.



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