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CRL OP No. 6118 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Babloo Ratnesh @ Ratnesh Kumar
S/o. Doodh Nath Pandey, Old No. 12,
New No. 23, Gulam Mohideen Street,
Mount Road, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600
002. Aadhar Card No. 2827 3843 4578

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. By, The Inspector of
Police,
D-1, Triplicane Police Station, Chennai.
Crime No.103/2025.

Respondent(s)

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PRAYER

To enlarge the Petitioner herein on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in Crime No. 103 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent/ Complainant herein i.e., the Inspector of Police, D-1, Triplicane Police Station Chennai and thus render justice.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.Kartik Soundararajan

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

ORDER

The petitioner / A2, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 6, 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 read with Section 123 of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.103 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner / A2 is the supplier of banned tobacco products which are prohibited items and the same was seized from the co-accused / A1. Based on the confession of the co-accused, the petitioner/A2 has been included. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case



imposed by this Court, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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4. 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 on instructions submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband was seized, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents 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.

6. 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 of receipt of copy of this order, before the **learned Judicial Metropolitan Magistrate II Court, Egmore**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute



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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 said Magistrate, 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 as and when required for interrogation.

[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



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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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