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CrI.O.P.No.6144 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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1.Akesh

2.Gopi @ Venkatesan

... Petitioners

Vs.

State by Inspector of Police
N2 Kasimedu Police Station
Chennai
(Crime No.41 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.41 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Chandrasekar

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners/A2 & A3, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.01.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.41 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(b)(ii)(B), 29(1) of NDPS Act and 25(1B)(a) of Arms Act, 1959.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found to be in possession of 1,200 grams of ganja.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the



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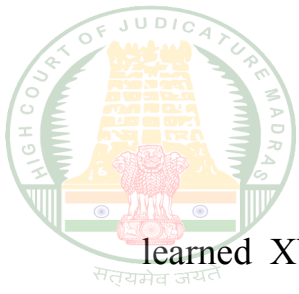
petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He also submitted that the petitioners are in custody from 18.01.2025 and they are ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioners, reiterated the case of the prosecution. He further submitted that there are three 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.

6.Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration, the quantity of contraband seized in this case, the fact that the previous cases have been registered for the offences under IPC and the petitioners were released on bail in all those cases and since further custody is not required for the purpose of interrogation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) each, with two sureties, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the



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learned XVI Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, 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 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];
- [f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S

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1.The XVI Metropolitan Magistrate,
George Town, Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police
N2 Kasimedu Police Station
Chennai

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal II, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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