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CrI.O.P.No.6246 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CrI.O.P.No.6246 of 2025

Ashok Kumar

...Petitioner/Accused 1

Vs.

State rep by
The Station House Officer,
Kattumanaur Koil Police Station.

(Crime No.45 of 2025)

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Respondent

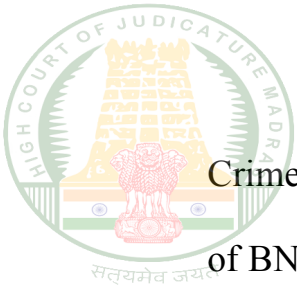
PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.45 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kathiravan

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.02.2025, seeking bail in



Crime No.45 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 286 and 123
of BNS r/w 24(1) and 6(b) of COTPA, 2003.

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2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner along with the other accused was found in illegal possession of 912 packets of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he is sought to be implicated on the confession of co-accused; that the contraband has been seized and that the petitioner is in custody from 19.02.2025 and hence, further custody of the petitioner is not required.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (CrI. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are eight previous cases pending against the petitioner and he is on bail in all the cases and that the contraband has been seized.



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

6. Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration and the fact that the contraband has been seized, the petitioner is sought to be implicated on the confession of co-accused and the petitioner is on bail in the other previous cases and since further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of interrogation, 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 learned **Principal District and Sessions Judge, Cuddalore**, 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;

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

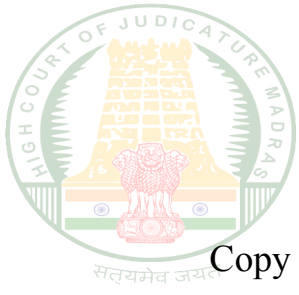
[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either
during investigation or trial;

[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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- 2.The Principal District and Sessions Judge, Cuddalore.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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