



Crl. O.P. No.6788 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Manivannan S/o. Ponraj

... Petitioner/Accused-1

Vs.

The State represented by-

The Inspector of Police,
Ambattur Police Station,
Chennai.

(Crime No.158 of 2025).

... Respondent

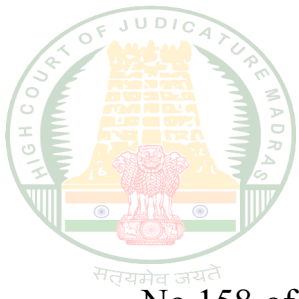
PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.158 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M. Newton

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



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No.158 of 2025 registered for the offences under Sections 275 and 123 of B.N.S. read with Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 read with Section 59 of Food Safety Act.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 600 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that petitioner is in custody from 13.02.2025; and that since the contraband has been seized, further custody of the petitioner is not required and hence prayed for grant of bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, submitted that the petitioner has 6 previous case of similar nature, in which, he is on bail.

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



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6. 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 **Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur.**

[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;

[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



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registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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SUNDER MOHAN., J.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur.
2. The Inspector of Police, Ambattur Police Station, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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