



CrI.O.P.No.6786 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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...Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Mangalam Police Station,
Tiruppur District.

(Crime No.98 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.98 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Thomas Saran Singh

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



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 14.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.98 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 123, 274, 275 of BNS r/w 7(1), 20(2) of COTPA.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 24 kgs of banned tobacco products in a vehicle bearing Registration No.TN-07-AV-5061. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent; that the contraband has been seized and that in any case, considering the period of incarceration from 14.02.2025, the petitioner may be released on bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the contraband has been seized and



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there are two previous cases pending against the petitioner and the petitioner is on bail in all the previous cases.

5.Heard the learned counsel on either side 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 and the petitioner is on bail all the previous cases 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 **Judicial Magistrate Court No.IV, Tiruppur**, and on further conditions that:



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[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 registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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SUNDER MOHAN, J.

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