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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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... Petitioner/A3

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
R-10 MGR Nagar Police Station
Chennai City.
(Crime No.42 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.42 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Pugalenth

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 on 04.02.2025 and remanded to judicial custody on 05.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.42 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B), 25, 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found to be in illegal possession of 2 kgs of ganja. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that there is no seizure from the petitioner; that petitioner sought to be implicated based on the confession of the other accused; and in any case, petitioner is in custody from 24.01.2025 and hence the petitioner may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has two previous cases under IPC and also confirmed the fact that no seizure was made from the petitioner.

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

6. Considering, the fact that no seizure was made from the petitioner and that the rigors of Section 37 of NDPS Act would not be applicable as the quantity seized is intermediate; the fact that the petitioner is sought to be



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implicated based on the confession of the other accused; that the petitioner is on bail in the 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.

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 **23rd Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet, Chennai.**

[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;



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[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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To

1. 23rd Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Saidapet, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
R-10 MGR Nagar Police Station
Chennai City.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison-2, Puzhal Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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