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CRL OP NO.8285 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **20.03.2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Petitioner

Vs

State Rep By,
The Inspector Of Police,
Karuppur Police Station,
Salem City.
(Cr.No.95 of 2025)

Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner / Accused on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.95 of 2025 pending
on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Franklin
For Respondent : Mr.S.Santhosh,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 4(1)(a) and
4(1-A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.95 of 2025, on
the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 60 bottles of black pearl brandy, each containing 180 ml.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case and in any case, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of the allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband were seized and since, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **learned Judicial Magistrate -II, Salem** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on proof of payment of deposits, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and 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 every day at 10:30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or



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trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 of B.N.S.

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To:

1. The Inspector Of Police
Pallikarnai Police Station,
Chennai.
2. The Judicial Magistrate -II,
Salem.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court Madras.



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