



Crl.O.P.No.8366 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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J.Augustine

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition and Enforcement Wing,
Anna Nagar Police Station,
Chennai.
(Crime No.8 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.8 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Raghu Raj

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 11.03.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.8 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 4(1)(A) and Section 7 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of liquor bottles- 180 Nos. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in custody from 11.03.2025 and since the contraband has been seized, the petitioner may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) reiterated the case of the prosecution and submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases.

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 the contraband has been seized; period of incarceration; the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents; 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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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on their 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 **V Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, 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;

[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]***;



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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can
be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

1. V Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition and Enforcement Wing,
Anna Nagar Police Station,
Chennai.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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