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Crl.O.P.No.8551 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL O.P NO.8551 of 2025

Rajesh
S/o. Nagarajan

....Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
S.H.O. Muthandikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District
(Crime No.36 of 2025)

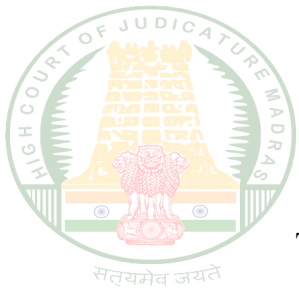
....Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory
bail in the event of his arrest **in Crime No.36 of 2025**, on the file of the
respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. K.Mohan

For Respondent : Mr. S. Balaji
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(C), 4(1)(A) and 14(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.36 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner along with the other accused had planned to sell 30 bottles (180 ml each) of Black Pearl Brandy liquor at a higher price. Hence, this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent; that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession of A1; that the petitioner had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and to co-operate for the investigation, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the



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respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the petitioner has no previous case; and that the investigation is pending.

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5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the nature of allegation against the petitioner, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the petitioner has no previous case and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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 **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Panruti**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:



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[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 everyday at 10:30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.



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To

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2. The Inspector of Police,
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(Crime No.36 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras



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