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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED: **02.04.2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Manikandan

Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep By
The Inspector of Police
Vanapuram Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai
(Crime No.30 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. 30 of 2025 pending on
the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Vijayakumar R
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 Sections 4(1)(i) of the Tamil
Nadu Prohibition Act and 4(1)(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition
(Amendment) Act, 2024 in Crime No.30 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 co-accused was found selling 160 bottles of Vorion brandy, each containing 180 ml and the petitioner was implicated on the confession of the co-accused.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the co-accused was arrested and released on bail; the petitioner was sought to be implicated on the confession of the co-accused; without prejudice to his contention, is prepared to deposit an amount of Rs.5,000/- towards any charitable organization or association 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 contraband were seized; petitioner has four previous cases.



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5. Further, considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five Thousand only)** to the credit of '**Legal Services Authority, Thiruvannamalai District**' without prejudice to the right of defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband were seized, the petitioner is on bail in the other cases, the petitioner has been implicated on the confession of the co-accused; the co-accused was arrested and released on bail 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 conditions.

8. 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



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from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thandarampattu** 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 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



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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:

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2. The Judicial Magistrate, Thandarampattu
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court Madras.

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