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Crl O.P.No.9944 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **03.04.2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP NO. 9944 of 2025

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Vs

Petitioner

The State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
PEW Kallakuruchi Police Station,
Kallakuruchi District.
(Crime No.21 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. 21 of 2025 pending
on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner : M/s. Maha Vishnu T
For Respondent : Mr.S.Balaji
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)(C) and
4(1)-A(ii) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 2024 in Crime No.21 of



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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/A2 was found in possession of 7 liters of illicit arrack and 60 liters of fermented wash and the petitioner was implicated on the confession of the co-accused/A2.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and she has been falsely implicated in this case; the petitioner was sought to be implicated on the confession of the co-accused/A2; that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and sought anticipatory bail.

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 submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and the co-accused/A2 was arrested and is still in custody.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case,



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the nature of the allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband were seized, the petitioner has no bad antecedents, the petitioner was implicated on the confession of the co-accused/A2 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.

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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Sankarapuram** 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 said Magistrate, 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.



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[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 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 Court,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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