



Crl. O.P. No.10330 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.04.2025

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**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN**

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Manikandan S/o. Palanisamy

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

**The State represented by-**

The Inspector of Police,  
Steel Plant Police Station,  
Salem City, Salem District.  
(Crime No.86 of 2025).

... Respondent

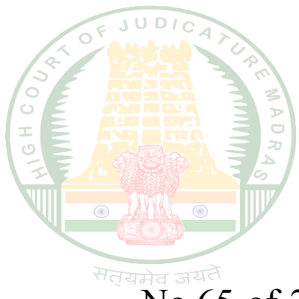
**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.86 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S. Mayilnathan

For Respondent : Ms. J.R. Archana  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 14.03.2025, seeking bail in Crime



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No.65 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 8(c) and 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act read with Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection of Children Act, 2019.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with other accused, was found in illegal possession of 200 grams of Ganja; and that the contraband was seized.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are false; that contraband has been seized; and that in any case, further custody of the petitioner is not required and prayed that the petitioner may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions, submitted that contraband, involved in this case is only small quantity and the same has been seized; and that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.

5. Considering the aforesaid facts, nature of allegations, period of



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incarceration, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and contraband has been seized, this Court is of the view that further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation. Hence this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Salem.**

[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, daily 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



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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]***;

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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Salem
2. The Inspector of Police, Steel Plant Police Station, Salem City, Salem District.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Salem.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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**SUNDER MOHAN., J.**

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