



Crl. O.P. No.11060 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.04.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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1.B.Backiyaraj
2.N.Manikandan
3.R.Mahendran

... petitioners/Accused 1 to 3

Vs.

The State represented by-

Rep. By the Sub Inspector of Police,
Vettaikaraniruppu Police Station,
Nagapattinam.
(Crime No.48 of 2025)

... Respondent

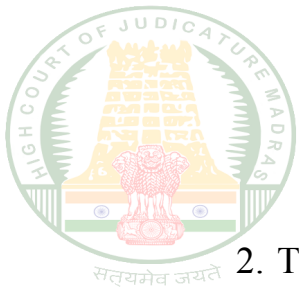
PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in connection with the Crime No.48 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For petitioners : Mr.M.D.Ilayaraja

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.03.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.48 of 2025 registered for the offences under Section 123 of BNS, 2023 r/w Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2023.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found in illegal possession of 100 Hans Chaap Packets-30 kgs of banned tobacco products.

Hence, the case.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case; that the contraband was seized and that the petitioners are in custody from 29.03.2025 and hence, they may be released on bail.

4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioners, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the contraband has been seized from the petitioners and that the first petitioner has one previous case and the petitioners 2 & 3 have no bad antecedents.

5.Considering the nature of allegations, the period of incarceration and the fact that the contraband has been seized from the petitioners and that though the first petitioner has one previous case, he is on bail in that case and the petitioners 2 & 3 have no bad antecedents and since further custody is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with



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certain conditions.

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6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate 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 **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vedharanyam.**

[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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police, daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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

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To

- 1.The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Vedharanyam
- 2.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Vettaikaraniruppu Police Station,
Nagapattinam.
3. The Superintendent, District Prison, Nagapattinam.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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