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Crl. O.P. No.10994 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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Jerald Lurdhu Nathan S/o. Divyanathan

... Petitioner/Accused-1

Vs.

The State represented by-

The Inspector of Police,
PEW Periyapalayam Unit,
Tiruvallur.
(Crime No.24 of 2025).

... Respondent

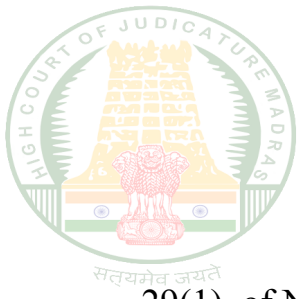
PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with the Crime No.24 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. D. Sugumar

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 11.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.24 of 2025 registered for the offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) and



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29(1) of NDPS Act.

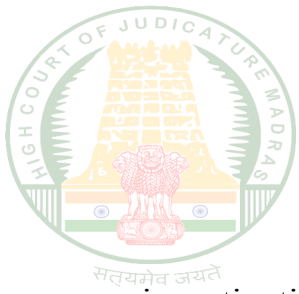
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2. The case of the prosecution is that based on secret information, the accused were found in possession of 8 kgs of Ganja.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are false; that contraband has been seized; that he is in judicial custody from 11.02.2025; 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 seized contraband in this case is an intermediate quantity; that the petitioner has four previous cases registered for the offences under IPC, in which, he is on bail.

5. Considering the aforesaid facts, nature of allegations, period of incarceration, the fact that the petitioner is on bail in the other cases, and the seized contraband in this case is an intermediate quantity, this Court is of the view that further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of



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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.II, Ponneri**.

[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 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



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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.II, Ponneri.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, PEW Periyapalayam Unit, Tiruvallur.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison-II, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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