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CRL OP No. 14316 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.05.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

CRL.O.P.No.14316 of 2025

Ezhil @ Sridhar

... Petitioner

Versus

State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Ammamet Police Station,
Salem City.
(Crime No.270 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, to
enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in the above Crime
No.270 of 2025 on the file of Inspector of Police, Ammapet Police Station,
Salem City.

For petitioner : Mr.T.Ganesan

For Respondent : Dr.C.E.Pratap,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

WEB COPY The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 6(b), 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Acts 2003 and Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 in Crime No.270 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant, who is working as Sub-Inspector of Police of the respondent police lodged a complaint alleged that while the police party had in vehicle check up, they found one Mariyappan carried Hans and Tobacco products in his two wheeler bearing register No. TN 54 Q 0700. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to the defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/-, to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this



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court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

WEB COPY 4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that one Mariyappan carried Hans and Tobacco products. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute some amount to any charitable trust as may be directed by this Court and he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

7. Considering the arguments from both sides, the nature of the offence, and considering the fact that the petitioner without prejudice his rights, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute some amount to any charitable trust and also considering other relevant aspects, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and



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the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Salem** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), each, with two sureties for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner shall make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** to the credit of **Ray of Light Foundation, Account No: 50100078904233, HDFC Bank, Habibullah Road, T.Nagar, Chennai, IFSC Code: HDFC0001864**, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[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



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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.2023.

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Note to Registry:

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

- 1.The Inspector of Police,
Ammamet Police Station,
Salem City.
- 2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
3. The learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Salem.



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