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Crl.O.P.No.14553 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

Crl.O.P.No.14553 of 2025

Josabanta Mohanty

...Petitioner/A1

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Bagalur Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.

(Crime No.71 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in Crime No.71 of 2025 on the file
of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Deepakkumar

For Respondent : M/s.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.02.2025, for the offences punishable under Section 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, in Crime No.71 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with the other accused was found in illegal possession of 14.700 kgs of ganja in a vehicle bearing Registration No.KA-50-A-7515. Hence the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner was arrested and is in judicial custody from 24.02.2025. He would submit that the contraband has been seized. He would further submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to the defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/-, 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 court.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the contraband has been seized.

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

6. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit, to the credit of **Aishwaryam Trust, Indian Bank, Tirunagar Branch, Madurai, Account No.6639017788, IFSC Code: IDIB000T032**, without prejudice to the right of defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

7. Further, considering the nature of allegations, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, the fact that the contraband was seized and since further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.



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8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.2, Salem**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three months and thereafter as and when required for investigation;

[b] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

[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 Judicial 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].



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

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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.
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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.2, Salem.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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Krishnagiri District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Salem.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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