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Crl.O.P. No.14572 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

Crl.O.P. No.14572 of 2025

Kathiravan

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs.

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Kallakurichi Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
(Crime No.420 of 2024)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with Crime No.420 of 2024, pending investigation on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr. M.D. Ilayaraja

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



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ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.420 of 2024 registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 174 of Cr.P.C @ 304(ii) of IPC r/w 4(1-i), 4(1-A) of TNP Act, Sec.7 of Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit Methyl Alcohol & Varnish (French Polish) rules 1959, is on board for consideration.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was involved in the Kallakurichi, hooch tragedy, and nearly 69 persons lost their lives and many people have sustained severe injuries. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent, he has been falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; that the petitioner has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.03.2025. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate for the investigation and prayed for bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the



respondent reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that the petitioner herein arrayed as A5 in this case, who colluded with other accused and involved in the illegal transportation of spurious liquor. He also submitted that the investigation is pending and opposed the bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail with the following conditions:

(1) The petitioner shall execute a bond for **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Chief Judicial Magistrate at Kallakurichi.**

(2) **The petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;**

(3) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Metropolitan Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity;



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(4) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

(5) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses;

(6) The petitioner to give an undertaking that if required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for police custody beyond the first fifteen days, he shall comply to the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

(7) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Metropolitan Magistrate is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by themselves as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283].

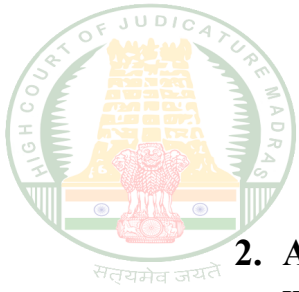
(8) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Note:-

- 1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the official website of this Court.**



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To

1. The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Kallakurichi.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Kallakurichi Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
(Crime No.420 of 2024)
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

M. NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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