



Crl. O.P. No.15373 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.05.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Manoj Kumar S/o. Kuppan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by -

The Inspector of Police,
E-2 Royapettah Police Station,
Chennai-600 014.
(Cr. No.67 of 2025).

... Respondent

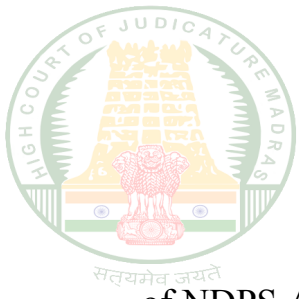
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in Cr.
No.67 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. D. Venkatesh

For Respondent : Mr. Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Criminal side).

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused,
who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.03.2025, seeking bail in
Cr. No.67 of 2025 registered for the offences under Section 8(c) read with 22(b)



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of NDPS Act and Section 123 of B.N.S.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 2.8 grams of Methaqualone.

3. The contention of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and he is an innocent. He has nothing to do with the commission of offences. Contraband has been seized and some co-accused were already granted bail. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and further submitted that the contraband, which is small in quantity, has been seized and the petitioner has previous cases registered for IPC offences, in which, he is on bail.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission



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made by the learned counsel appearing on either side, nature of offences, considering the fact that the contraband involved in this case is small quantity and the same was seized and the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. 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 learned **XVIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[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 further interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;



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[d] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the de facto complainant and witnesses;

[e] 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;

[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**;

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

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M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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To

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2. The Inspector of Police,
E-2 Royapettah Police Station,
Chennai-600 014..
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison-II, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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