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Crl.O.P.No.16030 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

Crl.O.P.No.16030 of 2025

K.Kittu

... Petitioner/A1

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
J-4, Kotturpuram Police Station,
Chennai.
Crime No. 160 of 2025.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in
Crime No.160 of 2025 pending on the file of the Respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sengkodi

For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
13.05.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 24(1), 20(2) of COTPA
Act read with Section 123 of BNS Act in connection with Crime No.160 of 2025,
registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 360 grams of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He also submitted that the petitioner is no way connected with the alleged offence, however, he is suffering incarceration from 13.05.2025. He further 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 (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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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 **IXth Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet**, 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 daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of two weeks 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;

[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;



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[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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To

1. IXth Metropolitan Magistrate at Saidapet.
2. The Inspector of Police,
J-4, Kotturpuram Police Station,
Chennai.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.



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