



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

Crl.O.P.No.16220 of 2025

Lalitha

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station,
Salem District.

(Crime No.286 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in Crime No.286 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent, seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.286 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(i) of TNP Act.



2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 170 brandy bottles. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and she has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and sought for anticipatory bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the contraband was seized. However, he opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

5.Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6.Considering the nature of allegations, the fact that the contraband was seized and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, before the **Judicial Magistrate – I, Salem**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the said Magistrate, on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;

[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 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*** reported in [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

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

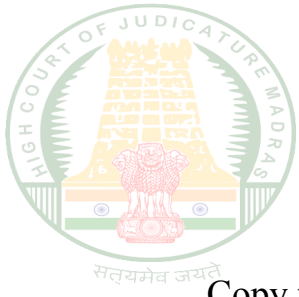
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