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Crl.R.C.No.16553 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

Crl.O.P.No.16553 of 2025

Koti @ Kotishwaran

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
H-3, Tondiarpet Police Station,
Chennai.

(Crime No.351 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.351 of 2025, on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Rajendran

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.04.2025, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B)



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of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in connection with Crime No.351 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that petitioner and other accused were found to be in illegal possession of 1.400 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is no way connected in the offence as alleged by the prosecution. 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 and submitted that the petitioner has got 18 previous cases.



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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 and the period of incarceration undergone 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 **XV Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, 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;



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders except when he required to appear before the trial Court for hearing in connection with other case;

[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;

[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



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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

1.The XV Metropolitan Magistrate,
George Town, Chennai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
H-3, Tondiarpet Police Station,
Chennai.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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