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Crl.O.P. No.16933 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

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Riyaz Ahmad

... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs.

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Vaniyambadi Taluk Police Station,
Vaniyambadi, Thirupathur District.
(Crime No.145 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police concerned in Crime No.145 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. Vinodh Kumar

For Respondent : Mr. R. Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 6(a) and 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 r/w Section 123 of BNS (328 of IPC) in Crime No.145 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that while the respondent police were on their routine inspection duty, they found that the petitioner, who is the owner of a petty shop was involved in illegal possession of 14.250 kilograms of banned tobacco products (413 packets of Hans, 40 packets of VI-Tobacco contents and 61 packets of Cool lip) in his shop for illegal sales. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case and he had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit a total sum of Rs.50,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government or



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any other organization and that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertake to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that the total quantity of banned tobacco products involved in this case is 14.250 kilograms; that the petitioner has no bad antecedents; and that the investigation is pending, hence opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the seized contraband is of intermediate quantity, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents, the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner regarding depositing a sum of Rs.50,000/- to any welfare organization and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



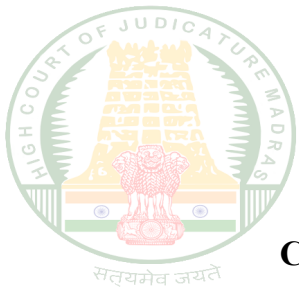
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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambadi** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fails to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] 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 Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] **The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) (Non refundable) towards the account of CANCER INSTITUTE (WIA), Adayar, Savings Bank Account maintained at Andhra Bank, Madhya Kailash Branch,**



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Cancer Institute(WIA), Dr.S.Krishnamurthi Campus, Sardar Patel Road, Chennai-36, bearing SB Account No.149710011005477, IFS Code No.ANDB0001497, Branch Name and Code 1497, MICR No.600011049 and to produce the Bank Challan before the Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambadi and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

[d] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10:30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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

[g] 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;

[h] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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[i] 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 [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

[j] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Vaniyambadi.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Vaniyambadi Taluk Police Station,
Vaniyambadi, Thirupathur District.
(Crime No.145 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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