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Crl.OP.No.17194 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR
CRL.OP.No.17194 of 2025

1.Dinesh Kumar

2.Sawai Lal

Petitioners

Vs

The State Rep By
The Inspector of Police
Arcot Town Police Station,
Ranipet District.
(Crime No.221 of 2025)

Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioners on bail pending
investigation in Crime No.221 of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent
police.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Prabhu
For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 07.05.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 7 (5), 20 (2) of
COTPA Act, 2003, and Section 123 of BNS Act, 2023, in Crime No.221 of
2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seek bail.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found in illegal possession of 570 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they had been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioners are in judicial custody from 07.05.2025 and hence, further custody of the petitioners is not required. He further submitted that the petitioners, without prejudice to their rights, are ready to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- each to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

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

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



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made by the learned counsels on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Arcot**, 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 petitioners shall deposit a sum of **Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) each (Non refundable) towards the account of CANCER INSTITUTE (WIA), Adayar, Savings Bank Account maintained at Andhra Bank, Madhya Kailash Branch, Cancer Institute(WIA), Dr.S.Krishnamurthi Campus, Sardar Patel Road, Chennai-36, bearing SB Account**



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No.149710011005477, IFS Code No.ANDB0001497, Branch Name and Code 1497, MICR No.600011049 and to produce the Bank Challan before the concerned Magistrate and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

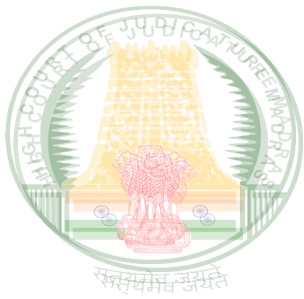
[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of three weeks; thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

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

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

[f] the petitioners 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;

[g] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down



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by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala** [(2005)13 SCC 283];

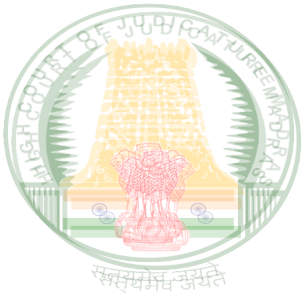
[h] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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- 3.The Central Prison,
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- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
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