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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Ashoki @ Thoppa Ashok

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
P-5, MKB Nagar Police Station
Chennai
Crime No. 283 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.283
of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Jagan

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinoth Raja
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
29.05.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 123 of BNS and 8(C) r/w
22(a) of NDPS Act, 1985 in connection with Crime No. 283 of 2025 registered on
the file of the respondent, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 29.05.2025, based on the secret information, the respondent went to the place of occurrence and found that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 5 No's of Nitravet-10 (Nitrazepam IP 10Mg) and 5 strips of Tapentadol Hydrochloride-100 Mg (50 tablets). 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 in no way connected with the alleged offence, however, he is suffering incarceration from 29.05.2025. 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 (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally two accused in this case and the petitioner was arrested on 29.05.2025. He also submits that petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 5 No's of Nitravet-10 (Nitrazepam IP 10Mg) tablets and 5 strips of Tapentadol Hydrochloride-100 Mg (50 tablets). He also submits that there are 14 previous cases pending against the petitioner. Hence, he



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strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, considering 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 **X Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore, 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;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily morning at 10.30 a.m., and evening at 5.30 p.m., until further orders except on the days when he is required to appear before the Trial Court.



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[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 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. The learned X Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore, Chennai
2. The Inspector of Police
P-5, MKB Nagar Police Station
Chennai
3. The Superintendent,
Puzhal, Central Prison, Chennai
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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