



Crl.O.P.No.17244 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Bhika Bharati

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Karumathampatty Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.221 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in
connection with Crime No.221 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramesh

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 26.05.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 123 of the BNS,
2023 read with Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Products
Act, 2023 in Crime No.221 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent,
seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 228 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that, without prejudice to the defense and contention, petitioner is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case,



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submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Thousand Only]** as non-refundable deposit directly to the credit of **“Sri Ramachandra University, Porur Branch, Sri Ramachandra University, Ramachandra Nagar, Porur, Chennai-600 116 in A/c.No.CA 6203243021, IFSC Code:IDIB000S180, Indian Bank,** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, 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 **Judicial Magistrate, Sulur** 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 at 10.30.a.m., for a period of**



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three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

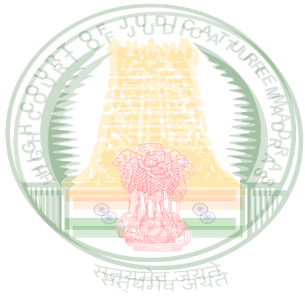
[c] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

[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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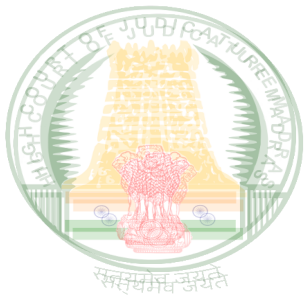
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2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Sulur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Karumathampatty Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
- 3.The Central Prison, Coimbatore
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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