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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :20.06.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR**

**CrI.O.P.No.17306 of 2025**

Kathiravan @ Kathir

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by  
The Inspector of Police,  
K1 Sembium Police Station,  
Chennai 600011  
Crime No.167 of 2025.

... Respondent

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya  
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner /Accused on bail in  
Crime No.167 of 2025 pending on the file of the Respondent police.

For petitioner : Mr.J.Manikandan

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

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on  
22.04.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 8(c), r/w 20(b) (ii) (B) of  
Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in connection with Crime  
No.167 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in



illegal possession of 1.200 kgs of ganja. Hence, the case.

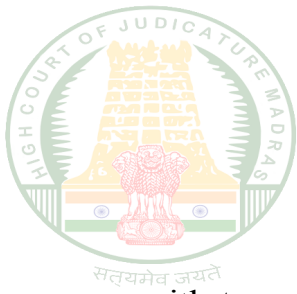
3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He also submitted that the petitioner is in no way connected with the alleged offence, however, he is suffering incarceration from 22.04.2025. He further 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 (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that from A1- 156 grams and A2 – 2.39 kgs were recovered and from A3, no contraband was recovered and the petitioner has 19 previous cases pending against him .

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 counsel on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition, 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 separate bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)**



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with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Principal**

**Special Court under EC & NDPS Act, 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for further interrogation except on those days when he is required to appear before the trial court in other cases 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

**M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.**



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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.

**20.06.2025**

**Note:**

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To

1. The Principal Special Court under EC & NDPS Act, Chennai,
2. The Inspector of Police,  
K1 Sembium Police Station,  
Chennai 600011
3. The Superintendent,  
Cuddalore, Central Prison (Mens)
4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras.

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