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CrI.O.P.No.17765 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CrI.O.P.No.17765 of 2025

Rajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

State by:-

The Inspector of Police,

Kotagiri Police Station,

The Nilgiris

(Crime No.86 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.86 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Mouli

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.06.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.86 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 read with Section 123 of BNS, 2023.



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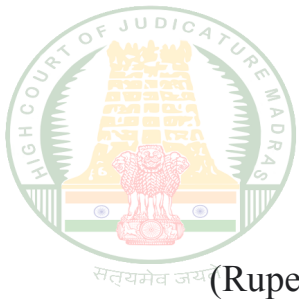
2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions 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, reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6.Considering the nature of allegations and also considering the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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7. Accordingly, the petitioner shall donate a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the credit of the RAY OF LIGHT FOUNDATION; A/c No : 50100078904233; IFSC code : HDFC0001864; No.10, Nageswara Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600034; Ph No.8939065431 and on such donation the petitioner shall release 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, Kotagiri** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall donate a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the credit of the RAY OF LIGHT FOUNDATION; A/c No : 50100078904233; IFSC code : HDFC0001864; No.10, Nageswara Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600034; Ph No.8939065431.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.



[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

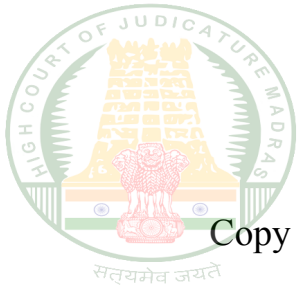
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[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by 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]**.

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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3. The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Coonoor
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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