



Crl.O.P.No.18238 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Muthulingam

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Keezhkuppam Police Station
Crime No.94 of 2025

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending
investigation in Crime No. 94 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. K.Govi Ganesan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
28.04.2025, for the offence punishable under Section 24(1) of COTPA Act, 2003
r/w Section 123 of BNS, 2023, in connection with Crime No.94 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 to be in illegal possession of 1kg 500 grams of banned tobacco products. 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 28.04.2025. 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 Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally four accused in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A4 and he was arrested on 28.04.2025. He would also submit that there are five previous cases pending against the petitioner.

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



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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side and 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 Judicial Magistrate-II, Kallakurichi** 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 deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) (Non refundable) towards the account of SRI RAMACHANDRA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, Current Account maintained at Indian Bank, SRU Branch, Porur, Chennai-**



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600 116, bearing Current Account No.471533180, IFSC Code No.IDIB000S180 and to produce the Bank Challan before the learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Kallakurichi and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

[c] 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;

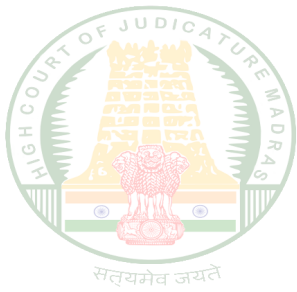
[d] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

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

[f] 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;

[g] 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



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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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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate-II, Kallakurichi
2. The Inspector of Police
Keezhkuppam Police Station
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.



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