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Crl.O.P.No.18459 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Muhammed Althaf

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police
NIB CID Police Station
Coimbatore District
Crime No.45 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.45
of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Thinesh

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
03.06.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29(1)
of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.45 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 along with other accused were found to be in illegal possession of 12.500 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 03.06.2025. 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 the petitioner along with accused were found to be in illegal possession of 12.500 Kgs of ganja. He also submits that no previous case is pending against 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



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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 (out of which, one surety should be a local surety)** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore (FAC)** 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 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



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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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Note:

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To

1. The Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore (FAC).

2. The Inspector of Police
NIB CID Police Station
Coimbatore District

3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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