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Crl.O.P.No.20739 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Santhosh Dhigal

... Petitioner/A2

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by The Inspector of Police,
Gobichettipalayam Police Station,
Erode.
(Cr.No.249 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.249 of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : M/s.R.Thamarai Selvan

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 19.06.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 8(c) read with
Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.249 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 1.15 kgs of ganja. 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 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 reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

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



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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 **Court of Additional District Judge, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore** 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;



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[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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To

1. Court of Additional District Judge,
Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Gobichettipalayam Police Station,
Erode.
3. The Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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