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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **09-09-2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CRL OP NO. 21786 of 2025

Venkatesan

...Petitioner(s)

Vs

State, Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Ambur Taluk Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No. 189/2025)

...Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in
the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Crime No. 189 of 2025 on
the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.Deepak Kumar C

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Udayakumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 6(a) and 24(1) of COTPA Act, 2003, and 123 of BNS in Crime No.189 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was in illegal possession of 10 packets of Hans each carry 20 grams and totally of 200 grams of banned tobacco products. Hence this case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He submitted that the petitioner is in possession of banned tobacco products and the case is under investigation.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is



inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate-V, Vellore, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties (out of which one shall be a local surety and one shall be a blood relative) each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fail to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] The petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of eight months and thereafter, as and when required for further interrogation;

[c] The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The



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learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

[d] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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

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

[h] 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];



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[h] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate NO.V, Vellore.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Ambur Taluk Police Station,
Vellore District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai.

Note:

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