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5IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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... Petitioner/A1

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
B-4, Ukkadam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.314 of 2025)

... Respondent

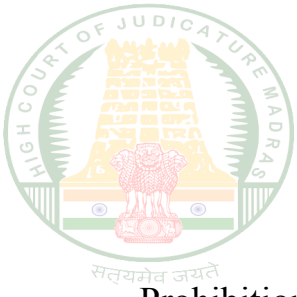
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending
investigation in Crime No.314 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Parthiban

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
18.07.2025, for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A) and 4(1)(C) of
Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024 and Section 24 of Tamil Nadu



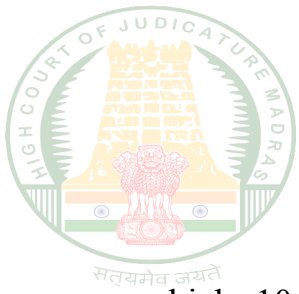
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Prohibition Act in connection with Crime No.314 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of 35 bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL). Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he is no way connected in the alleged offence. He further submitted that the co-accused/A2 & A3 were granted bail by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Coimbatore in Crl.M.P.Nos.7123 and 7597 of 2025 dated 23.07.2025 and 02.08.2025, respectively. Further, the previous cases against the petitioner under Prohibition Act were disposed of by the trial Court. 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. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has got 13 previous cases, of



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which, 10 cases are similar in nature and the same were disposed of by the trial Court.

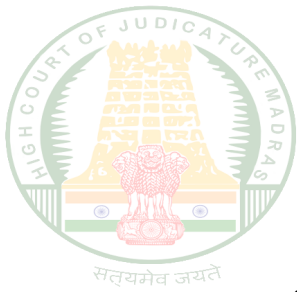
5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by the learned counsel 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 No.V, 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of thirty (30) days, thereafter as and when required for**



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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;

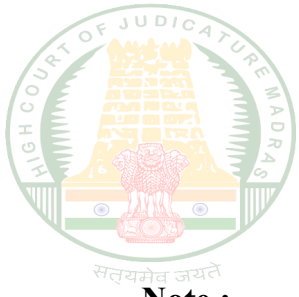
[e] the petitioner to give an undertaking that if required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for police custody beyond the first fifteen days, he shall comply to the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

[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.The Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Coimbatore.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
B-4, Ukkadam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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