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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.09.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

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Sagunthala

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. By,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Tiruvannamalai Town Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
Cr.No.273/2025.

... Respondent

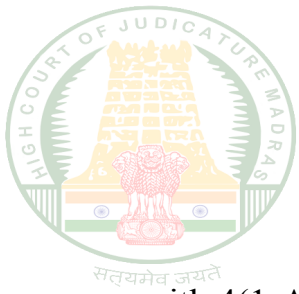
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.273 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sathiyaraj E

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.08.2025 for the alleged offence under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and Section 4(1)(C) read



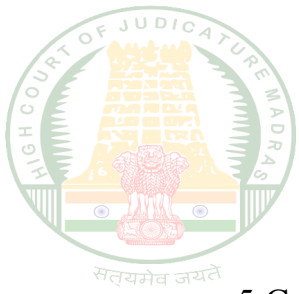
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with 4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024, in Crime No.273 of 2025, on the file of respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 10 kgs of Ganja and 10 bottles of liquor. Hence, the present complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 07.08.2025. 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. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner and submitted that the petitioner has 45 previous cases, out of which 35 cases were already disposed of. The petitioner has also involved in both NDPS and IPC offences.



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5. Considering the facts, the submissions made by both counsels, and the fact that the investigation is almost completed, and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to **deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of Advocates Clerks Welfare Association, Tiruvannamalai**, and on such deposit, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, **in which one surety must be a blood surety** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate - I, Tiruvannamalai**; and on further conditions that:

(a) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every alternate days at 5.00 p.m. for a period of three months.

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;



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(d) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(e) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the 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 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]***; and;

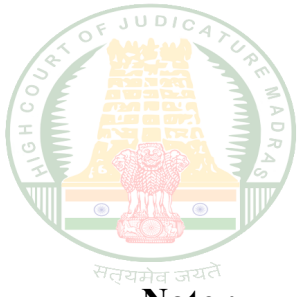
(f) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court-I, Tiruvannamalai
- 2.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Tiruvannamalai Town Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
- 3.The Superintendent, Special Prison for Women, Vellore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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