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Crl.O.P.No.26566 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.09.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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Gopalram.S

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep.by
The Inspector of Police
Variety Hall Road Police Station
Coimbatore.
(Crime No.319 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.319 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Nixon

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



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ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on **14.08.2025** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 7(1) and 20(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and U/s 123 of BNS Act, 2023, in Crime No.319 of 2025**, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 90 kgs of banned tobacco products worth about Rs.1,70,500/-. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner states that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any such 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.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is having no previous case. Hence, he opposed 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, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and he has no previous antecedents, 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)** with **two sureties**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate Court-5, Coimbatore** and on further conditions that:



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[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 the0 identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[c] 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]**;

[d] 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 Court-5, Coimbatore.

2.The Inspector of Police
Variety Hall Road Police Station
Coimbatore.
(Crime No.319 of 2025)

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras,
Chennai 600 104.



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