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CRL OP No. 27155 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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1. Rajesh

S/o.Raja and another

2. Ramachandiran Alias Kutti

S/o. Govindan, Both are residing at
Sannathi Veethi, Virudhachalam Taluk,
Cuddalore District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State rep by its

The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Virudhachalam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.527 of 2025

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

To enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Cr. No. 527 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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For Petitioner(s): M/s.R.Raji

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

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 275, 123 of B.N.S 2023 r/w. Section 24 (1) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Product Act, 2003, in Crime No.527 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with others had been selling banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case; that the petitioners have never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the petitioners are ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertakes to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioners. He further submitted that the petitioners, without prejudice to their rights, are ready to deposit some amount to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization and prayed for anticipatory



bail to the petitioners.

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4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6.Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, since, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

8.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Virudhachalam**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** **each with two sureties**, 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:



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[a]the petitioners and 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] The petitioners shall separately deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c. No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856.

[d]the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

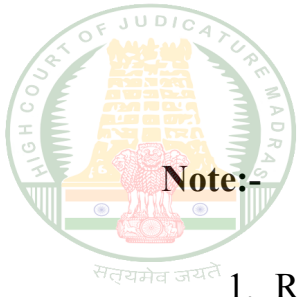
[e]the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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].

[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 Sub-Inspector of Police,
Virudhachalam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

Crime No.527 of 2025

2. The Judicial Magistrate No.1,
Virudhachalam.

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



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