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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.10.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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Selvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
Station House Officer,
Annamalainagar Police Station,
Cuddalore District
(Crime No.170/2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.170 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R. Thamaraiselvan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 274, 275 and 123 of BNS r/w 24(1) of COTPA Act in Crime No.170 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in possession of 15 bundles of Hans (50 packets each), cool lip 26 packets, 26 packets of Vimal Pan Masala and 126 packets of Tobacco, which is a banned tobacco product. Hence, the case.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the petitioner has never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the petitioner is 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 petitioner.

4.Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing for grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and added that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. The petitioner was implicated in this offence on the confession of the co-accused.

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



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6.Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8.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 No.1, Chidambaram**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 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]the petitioner 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.



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[c]the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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

[e]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].

[f]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.1
Chidambaram
- 2.The Annamalai Nagar Police Station,
Cuddalore District
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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