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Crl.O.P.No.29156 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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Purushothaman

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Station House Officer,
Thiyagadurugam Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
(Crime No.408 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in
Crime No.408 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Rajavel

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 02.10.2025, for the offence punishable under Section 123 of BNS, 2023,
r/w Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, in
Crime No.408 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons were found in to be in illegal possession of 13.5 kilograms of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner does not have any previous cases and has been falsely implicated in the present case, though the alleged commercial quantity has been recovered. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 02.10.2025. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterating the prosecution case and submitted that 10 packets of banned tobacco were recovered and the total quantity involved in this case is 13.5 kilograms.

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

6. Considering the quantity involved in this case, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents, and taking into account the period of



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incarceration, 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**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Kallakurichi District**, 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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks, and thereafter as and when required for 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;



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[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.II, Kallakurichi District.
- 2.The Station House Officer,
Thiyagadurugam Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
- 3.The Sub-Jail, Kallakurichi,
Kallakurichi District.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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