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Crl.OP.No29791 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE **K.RAJASEKAR**

Crl.O.P.No.29791 of 2025

L.Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by

The Inspector of Police

Karunga Nagar Police Station,

Coimbatore District.

(Cr.No.24 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Cr.No.24 of 2025 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.09.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Section 123 of BNS and 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act in Cr.No.24 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police were on regular patrol duty, they found that the petitioner along with other accused was found in illegal possession of various types of banned tobacco products, totally 350 kgs banned tobacco products. Hence this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that earlier, this Court dismissed the petitioner's bail petition dated 10.10.2025 in Crl.OP.No.27745 of 2025. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 21.09.2025 and ready to abide by any conditions 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 reiterated the prosecution case and reported that the petitioner is arrayed as A3 and he is having one previous cases of similar nature. He further submitted that the total quantity of contraband involved in this case is 350 kgs. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is



inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to 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 V-Coimbatore** 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;

[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 V, Coimbatore**

2. The Inspector of Police
Karunga Nagar Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

3. The Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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