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Crl.O.P.No.3062



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.30625 of 2025

Harichandran

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Thondamuthur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.232 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.232 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Jayaraman

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

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 24(1) of COTPA Act 2003 and 123 of BNS, in Crime No.232 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 05.10.2025 the police party while on routine vehicle check, allegedly found the petitioner is in possession of 14 kgs of banned tobacco and pan masala products. Hence this 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. He would further submit that the petitioner was arrested and he is in judicial custody from 05.10.2025 and is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner was arrested on 05.10.2025, no previous case is pending against the petitioner and the property was recovered and he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, that the petitioner is in custody from 05.10.2025, 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, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned Judicial Magistrate No.6, Coimbatore*, and on further conditions that:-

[a] 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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks;



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[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness 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];

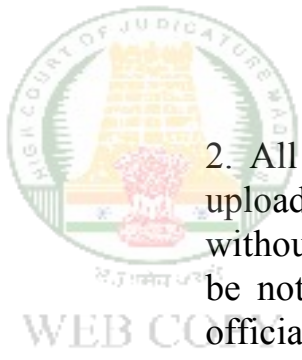
[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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Note:

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.



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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.6, Coimbatore.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thondamuthur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
- 3.The Central Prison, Coimbatore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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