



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.33024 of 2025

Janagiraman

... Petitioner

Versus

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Valapandal Police Station,
Ranipet District
(Crime No.224 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.224 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on



15.11.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 6(b) and 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA) and Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice, 2016 in Crime No.224 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 8 packets of Hans each containing 20 gms, totally weighing 160 gms. Hence, the complaint was lodged, and the petitioner was arrested and is in judicial custody.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 15.11.2025. He further submitted that the petitioner 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 reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the



petitioner has no previous case pending against him. He further submitted that the property was seized from the petitioner. However, he opposes to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on both sides, the property was seized and considering the period of his incarceration and the fact that the petitioner has no previous case, 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.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with two sureties, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned Judicial Magistrate, Arcot*, 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 two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[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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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Arcot

2.The Inspector of Police,
Valapandal Police Station,
Ranipet District

3.The Sub Jail, Walajah

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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