



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.33689 of 2025

Balachandran

Petitioner

Vs

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
B2 R.S. Puram Police Station,
Coimbatore.
Crime No.546 of 2025.

Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner in Crime No.546 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner:

Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj

For Respondent:

Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody



on 14.11.2025 for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 6(b) and 24(1) of the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA) r/w 123 of BNS, in Crime No.546 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was found in possession of 4 kgs 264 grams of banned tobacco products in his shop. Hence, a complaint was lodged and the petitioner was arrested.

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 14.11.2025. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is having one previous case similar in nature, pending against him. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, though the petitioner has one previous case and taking into account, the petitioner is in judicial custody from 14.11.2025, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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6. 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 No.I, 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 four 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

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1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Coimbatore.

2.The Inspector of Police,
B2 R.S. Puram Police Station,
Coimbatore.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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