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Crl.O.P.No.3518:



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.12.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.35185 of 2025

Manohar Singh

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Tharamangalam Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.591 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.591 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Selvendran

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



ORDER

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.10.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 7, 20(2) of COTPA Act and Sections 123, 62 and 275 of BNS, in Crime No.591 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The allegation against these petitioners is that, the petitioner was found in possession of 226 kgs of banned tobacco products and recovered from them by the police and the petitioner was arrested on 15.10.2025. Hence this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner is in judicial custody since 15.10.2025; and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought for bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is ranked as A1, investigation is pending in this case, the petitioner is having one previous case similar in nature and opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.



5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, though it is stated that this Court earlier dismissed the bail application to the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.32683 of 2025 vide order dated 28.11.2025, now it is reported that the petitioner is in custody for more than 66 days, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. 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, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Omalur*, 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 requires for interrogation by the respondent police;



[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 Court, Omalur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Tharamangalam Police Station,
Salem District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Jail, Salem.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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