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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.12.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **P.DHANABAL**

Crl.O.P.No.35062 of 2025

Palanikumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
E3, Saravanampatti Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.662 of 2025).

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.662 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.N.Balakrishnan
For Respondent : Mr.S.Vinothkumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.11.2025, for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 24(1) of COTPA and Section 123 of BNS 2023 in Crime No.662 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that, petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 18.756 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the present case came to be registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 28.11.2025 and he is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there is no previous case against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant of bail to the petitioner.

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



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6. Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration of the petitioner and also considering the fact that the petitioner has no previous case, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of **the Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Coimbatore**, and on further conditions that:-

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.30.a.m., for a period of four weeks.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he is suspected;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;



[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Coimbatore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
E3, Saravanampatti Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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