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Crl.O.P.No.35350 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 30.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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R.Padmanaban

... Petitioner/ Accused – 2

Vs

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Velipalayam Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
(Crime No.326/2025)

... Respondent / Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Karthikeyan

For Respondent : Mr.S.Udaya Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner / Accused, who apprehends arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 275, 123 of BNS read with Section 7, 20[1] of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 in connection with the Cr.No.326 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in possession of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case has been registered against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that he has been falsely implicated in this case and he had not committed any such offence. Hence, seeks anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate [Criminal Side] on instructions submitted that the petitioner along with other accused were found in possession of banned tobacco products. He further submitted that the petitioner is involved in one previous case.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of offence and the contraband involved in this case, though the petitioner is involved in one previous case, as he was granted bail in that case and already the property was seized from the co-accused, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:



7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Nagapattinam**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute separate 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

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

[b] 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 them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

[c] the petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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

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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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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