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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25.02.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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Rajapandi

... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thirukatuppalli Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.20 of 2025

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.R.L.Dhilipan Pandian

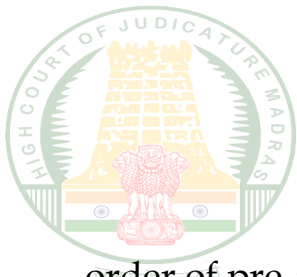
For Respondent : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.20 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 21.02.2025 under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) praying to grant an



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order of pre-arrest bail.

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2. The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(C) and 4(1-A)(ii) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024 in Crime No.20 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that based on secret information, on 26.01.2025 at about 14.00 hours, the respondent-Police found the accused persons in a suspicious manner. On seeing the Police, they attempted to fly from the place. However, the Police apprehended A1. The petitioner / A2 fled from the place. On enquiry with A1, the respondent-Police found that they were in illegal possession of 107 TASMAL liquor bottles, each containing 180ml, with intention of selling them at a higher rate. The liquor bottles were seized by the respondent-Police. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.R.L.Dhilipan Pandian, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. Per contra, Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi, learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that the petitioner and A1 were in illegal possession of 107 TASMAL liquor bottles, each containing 180 ml. He further



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submits that the petitioner has three previous cases, out of which, one is similar in nature. Therefore, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the Society and therefore, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the nature of the offences alleged against the petitioner and with a view to give one more opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall be released on bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvaiyaru, Thanjavur District, within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvaiyaru, Thanjavur District;

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of



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identity proofs to ensure their identity;

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(iii) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

(iv) 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;

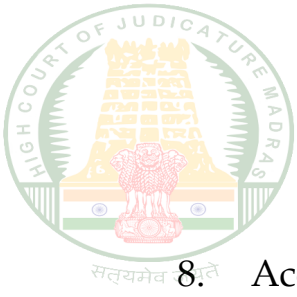
(v) The petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

(vi) Thereafter, the petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-Police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(vii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvaiyaru, Thanjavur District;

(viii) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence; and

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, concerned Magistrate, or Trial Court as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283].



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8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated supra.

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(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUVAIYARU, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE, THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THIRUKATUPPALLI POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.R.L.DHILIPAN PANDIAN, Advocate (SR-2147[I] dated 26/02/2025)

ORDER IN
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