



CRL OP(MD). No.16074 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26.09.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. Leelaram

2. Ranjodi Lal

... Petitioners/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Viralimalai Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.
(Crime No.368 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.D.Ramesh Kumar

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.368 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 10.09.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 275 and 123 of BNS 2023 and Section 6(a) and 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003, in Crime No.368 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused person were found in illegal possession of 520.89 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court and they are in judicial custody from 10.09.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also consideration the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on executing a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two blood sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Viralimalai, Pudukkottai District, 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]each of the petitioner alone shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand



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only) to the credit of the Headmaster, Panchayat Union Middle School, LKB Nagar, Sakkimangalam, Madurai in The South Indian Bank Limited, Sakkimangalam Branch, Account No.0733053000000794 IFSC No.SIBL0000733, MICR Code: 625059008, without prejudice to their contentions and rights before the trial Court, for purchasing 30 sets of Bench Desk for the Tribal students under "Namakku Naame" Scheme and on such deposit being made, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioners;

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[d] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners



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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.

(S S Y J)
26.09.2025

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate,
Viralimalai, Pudukkottai District.
2. The Superintendent, District Prison
Pudukkottai, Pudukkottai District.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Viralimalai Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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