



CRL OP(MD). No.18728 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 28.10.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Navaneethan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam South Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
(Crime No.530 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.R.J.Karthick

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.530 of 2025 on the file
of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 123 of BNS r/w 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003, Corresponding Section of IPC 328, in Crime No.530 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons had illegally transported 312 pouches of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that based on the confession of A1, the petitioner was falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that there are five previous cases pending against the petitioner and the property has been recovered. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the property has been recovered, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. 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 Court, Rajapalayam, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Rajapalayam, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:



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(a) the petitioner and 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)the petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Tamil Nadu Advocate's Welfare Fund, Trustee Committee, Account No.V00047, Indian Bank, High Court Branch, IFSC Code IDIB000M157, without prejudice to his contentions and rights before the trial Court, and on such deposit being made, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., and 05.30 p.m., until further orders.

(d) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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(f) 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]* and;

(g) if the accused/petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

(S S Y J)
28.10.2025

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court,
Rajapalayam.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam South Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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S.SRIMATHY, J.

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