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CrI.OP.No.357 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CrI.O.P.No.357 of 2026

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Viruthampet Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Cr.No.206 of 2025)

.. Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest by the respondent police in connection with Cr.No.47 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Balaji

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 4(1)(A), 4(1)(C) of TNP (Amendment) Act in Cr.No.206 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police. seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that on 02.12.2025 at about 08.00p.m, when the respondent police was on regular patrol, they found that the petitioner was to be in possession of various brands of 84 liquor bottles and the same were sold to the general public for his personal gain. Hence, the complaint has been lodged against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and co-operate with the investigation and prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is having 32 previous cases of similar nature. Hence, she opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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



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6. Considering the nature and gravity of an offence and the petitioner is having 32 previous cases of similar nature, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate Court-III, Vellore.
Vellore District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Viruthampet Police Station,
Vellore District.
3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras,
Chennai 600 104.



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