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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED : 09.01.2026
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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE **K.RAJASEKAR**
Crl.O.P.No.371 of 2026

Venkatachalapathy

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Annur Police Station,
Coimbatore District
(Crime No.592 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.,
pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.592 of 2025 pending on
the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramesh

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial
custody on **04.12.2025** for the alleged offence under **Sections 24(1) of the
Cigarettee and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 123 of
BNS, 2023 in Crime No.592 of 2025** on the file of the respondent police,
seeks bail.

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2. The case of prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were in possession of 345 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case and was in judicial custody since **04.12.2025**. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to cooperate with the investigation. Hence, the learned counsel prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He further submitted that investigation in this case has been completed and final report also filed. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have heard the learned counsel on either side and also perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and also taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) and the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and investigation in this case has been completed and final report also filed and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned District Munsif – Cum- Judicial Magistrate Court at Annur** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;



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[c] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**

[d] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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1. The **District Munsif – Cum- Judicial Magistrate Court at Annur**
2. The Inspector of Police,
Annur Police Station,
Coimbatore District
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Coimbatore
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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