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Crl.O.P.No.598 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.598 of 2026

P.Srinath S/o.Palanivel

... Petitioner/ A3

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Nagapattinam Police Station,
Nagapattinam.

(Crime No.483 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.483 of
2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. Karthikeyan

For Respondent : M/s. J.R. Archana

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent
police for the offences punishable under Sections 275 and 123 of the BNS,
2023 r/w Sections 24(1) and 6 of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Products
Acts, 2003, r/w Sections 52 and 59 of the Food Safety and Standards Act,
2006, in Crime No.483 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks



anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is ranked as A3 and the police intercepted the vehicle which is said to have been driven by A1 and A2 and recovered 30 kgs of banned tobacco products and it is further submitted that they carry the contraband and hand over the same to A3 who is the petitioner herein. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case, he was not in the scene of occurrence; that the petitioner has not involved in any offence as alleged and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, hence sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that as per the complaint, the petitioner along with the other accused involved in illegal transportation of banned tobacco products and that there is one previous case as against the petitioner and that the investigation of this case is pending.



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5. Considering the submissions made, facts and circumstances of this case, nature of allegation, there is one previous case as against the petitioner, in which he was released on bail and considering quantity of contraband involved in this case and that the co-accused released on bail and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner herein is not necessary for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Nagapattinam**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] **if the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;**



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[b] 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;

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

[d] 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]**;

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

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To

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2. The Inspector of Police,
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Nagapattinam.
(Crime No.483 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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