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Crl.OP.No.751 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE **K.RAJASEKAR**

Crl.O.P.No.751 of 2026

Alaguraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Tamilnadu
Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Coimbatore.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/Accused No.2 on bail in Cr.No.46 of 2025, now pending as CC.No.311 of 2025 on the file of the Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Case. Coimbatore.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Radha Pandian

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.12.2025 for the alleged offence under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(c) and 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Cr.No.46 of 2025, now pending as CC.No.311



of 2025 on the file of the Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Case.
Coimbatore, seeks bail.

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2. The allegations against the petitioner are that he, along with other accused, was involved in the transportation and possession of 22 kgs of ganja. On 06.06.2025, at about 04.00 a.m., when the petitioner and another accused were alighting at Tiruppur Railway Station carrying bags, they were intercepted by the respondent police. After complying with the mandatory provisions, an enquiry was conducted, and 22 kgs of ganja were recovered from them. They were arrested, which led to the registration of the case. Hence, the present petition has been filed seeking bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that there is no evidence to show that the petitioner was travelling to Vijayawada and brought ganja to Tiruppur Railway Station. Further, no CCTV footage has been produced to establish that the recovery was made from A1 and A2. He further submitted that no independent private witnesses were examined, and therefore, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that this is a case involving commercial quantity. The contraband was seized after complying with the mandatory provisions of law, and there is no violation of

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any such provisions. While both accused were carrying bags, they were intercepted and the seizure was effected. The petitioner was also found in conscious possession of ganja. She further submitted that CCTV footage is not mandatory to substantiate the prosecution case at this stage and hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of bail.

5. I have also perused the records and other connected materials. The materials reveal that the petitioner, along with other accused, was involved in the transportation and possession of ganja. While alighting at the Railway Station and while unloading the same from the coach, they were caught red-handed by the respondent police. Hence, no valid ground has been raised by the petitioner to satisfy the twin conditions contemplated under Section 37 of the NDPS Act. Therefore, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Vv

To

1. The Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Case,
Coimbatore
2. The Inspector of Police,
NIB CID, Coimbatore.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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