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CrI.O.P.No.2476 of 202



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.2476 of 2026

Balamurugan

... Petitioner/ A1

Vs

The State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Annamalai Nagar Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.14 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant bail to the petitioner/accused in
Crime No.14 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. A. Vinoth Kumar

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



ORDER

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 11.01.2026 based on a specific information, the respondent went to Kadancheri Bridge Town and intercepted a car bearing Registration No.TN-20-CK-6951 in which the petitioner herein along with two other accused were travelling; that upon searching the car, it is found that the petitioner and other accused were involved in illegal transportation of banned tobacco products namely 1500 packets of Hans, 80 packets of cool lip, 39 numbers of addictive chocolates, 37 numbers of addictive power and 59 numbers of Miraj packets. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case by the respondent for the statistical purpose; that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 11.01.2026; and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and sought for bail to the petitioner.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent while opposing the bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally three accused involved in this case and the petitioner herein is arrayed as A1; that the seized tobacco products worth about Rs.2 lakhs; that the petitioner has two previous cases; and that the investigation of this case is pending.

5. Considering the submissions made on both sides, the nature of offence, the previous antecedents of the petitioner and taking note of the fact that huge quantity of banned tobacco products involved in this case, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this criminal original petition stands dismissed.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
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2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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