



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.3353 of 2026

Anil Prajapat

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station,
Salem City
(Crime No.18 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant bail in Crime No. 18 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police and pass orders.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 27.01.2026 for the offences under Sections 6, 24(1) of Cigarettee and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 123 of BNS in Crime No.18 of 2026, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police is on regular vehicle up on Salem old bus stand they found that the petitioner along with other accused were transporting 17 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he is in judicial custody from 27.01.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any other stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court . Hence, prays to grant bail.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent while opposing the bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the total quantity involved in this case is 17 kgs and investigation in this case is not yet completed and there is one previous case pending against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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5.Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side; previous antecedents of the petitioner and taking note of the fact that the quantity involved in this case is 17 kgs , this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, this criminal original petition stands dismissed.

12.02.2026

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Salem

2. The Inspector of Police,
Salem Town Police Station,
Salem City

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras



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