



Crl.O.P.No.3591 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.02.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR**

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Ayyappan @ Meganathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. By,  
The Inspector of Police,  
Vanapuram Police Station,  
Tiruvannamalai District.  
Crime No.101 of 2025

... Respondent

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.101 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kalaikumar

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana  
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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## **ORDER**

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The petitioner herein apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Acts and Sections 123, 275 of BNS in Crime No.101 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 12 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. Considering the nature of allegation and the fact that the petitioner has no previous cases, the contraband is also recovered, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate at Thandarampattu** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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 ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[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;



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[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of one week 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

1. Judicial Magistrate at Thandampattu

2.The Inspector of Police,  
Vanapuram Police Station,  
Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras.



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**K.RAJASEKAR, J.**

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