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Crl.OP.No.4217 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE **K.RAJASEKAR**

Crl.O.P.No.4217 of 2026

1. Ravishankar
S/o Govinthasamy

2. Askar
S/o Gowser

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Bagyam Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Cr.No.24 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the
event of arrest in Crime No.24 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.S. Sriraam

For Respondent : Mr.C.E. Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 31.01.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 5, 7(3) of Lotteries
Regulation Act, 1998 & Section 318(4) of BNS 2023, in Crime No.24 of



2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police is on patrol duty they found that the petitioners along with other accused were selling banned lottery tickets. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case and he is in judicial custody from 31.01.2026. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by the this Court. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and reported that the petitioners and other accused were selling banned lottery tickets. He further submitted that there are five previous cases against the first petitioner/A2 and six previous cases against the second petitioner/A3. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the submissions made by both sides; facts of the case; even though it is stated that there are some previous cases pending against the petitioners, considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) each** with **two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **Judicial Magistrate-I, Vellore** and on further conditions that:

[a] 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;

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

[c] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in



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accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]**;

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

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To

1. The **Judicial Magistrate-I, Vellore**

2. The Inspector of Police,
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Vellore District.

3. The Superintendent Central Prison,
Vellore

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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