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Crl.O.P.No.5430 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

Crl.O.P.No.5430 of 2026

Gopi Gajendran,
S/o.Gajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep by
Inspector of Police,
Manavala Nagar Police Station,
(Crime No.57 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.57 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Marshall S
For Respondent : Mr.P.Dhileepan,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner herein apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 274 and 275 of BNS Act, 2023 read with Section 24(1) of the COTPA Act and Section 77 of the J.J. Act in Crime No.57 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner has kept certain prohibited produced for sale in his shop. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner had been selling tobacco products to children. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. Though the quantity of tobacco products involved is only 62 Kgs, the allegation against the petitioner is that he had been selling the same to children. In view of the specific allegation, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail.



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7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original petition is dismissed.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate -II, Tiruvallur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, Manavala Nagar Police Station.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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