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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Santilata Kuanr.K

..Petitioner

Vs

State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Tiruppur North Police Station,
Crime No.93 of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending in Crime No.93 of 2026 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner:

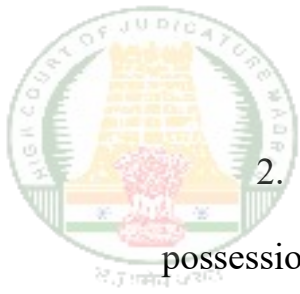
Mrs.M.Kruthika

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 26.01.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985, Section 286 of BNS, 2023 and Section 24(1) of COTP Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 in Crime No.93 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in the possession of 1.050 kilograms of Ganja, 350 grams of Chhata Chhap Khaini, 550 grams of Safari Pan Malasa, 100 grams of Black Label Premium Chewing Tobacco. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and therefore, the bar under Section 37 of NDPS Act will not apply. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 26.01.2026 and that there is no previous case is pending against the petitioner. It is also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The said factual position is not seriously disputed by the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.

6. Considering the fact that the quantity involved in the present case is not a commercial quantity and also considering the long incarceration undergone by the petitioner since 26.01.2026 and that there is no previous cases pending



against the petitioner, this Court is of the view that this is a fit case to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions.

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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the **learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act/NDPS Cases, Coimbatore**, and subject to the following conditions:

[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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m. for a period of one month and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioners released on



bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]*;

[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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Note:

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To:

1. The Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act/NDPS Cases, Coimbatore.
2. The The Inspector of Police, Tiruppur North Police Station.
3. Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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