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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 25-03-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

**CRL OP No. 6688 of 2026**

1. Amal Thomas
2. Vishnu.P.U

..Petitioners

Vs

The State Represented by,  
The Inspector of Police,  
NIB-CID, Coimbatore District.  
Crime No.9 of 2026.

..Respondent

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail pending investigation in Crime No.9 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner: Mr.S.Nirmal Kumar

For Respondent: Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar,  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

**ORDER**

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.02.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c) and 20(b)(II)(B) and 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in Crime No.9 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.02.2026, the respondent police conducted surveillance at Coimbatore Railway Station and intercepted the accused who were found in possession of 4.5 kilograms of ganja. Hence, the



case was registered.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated. It is submitted that the petitioners have no previous criminal antecedents. The learned counsel would further submit that the petitioners have been in incarceration since 17.02.2026 and has undergone considerable period of custody. It is also submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for granting bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioners were found in possession of 4.5 kilograms of ganja and the offence falls under NDPS Act. However, it is submitted that the quantity involved is intermediate. Hence, he opposed the bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the submission of the learned counsel on either side, it is seen that there are no previous cases against the petitioners and the quantity involved is of intermediate nature. Considering the long incarceration of the



petitioners since 17.02.2026 and absence of criminal antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant bail, subject to certain conditions.

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7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.6, 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners 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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2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.6, Coimbatore.
2. Central Prison, Coimbatore.
3. The Inspector of Police, NIB-CID, Coimbatore District.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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**C.KUMARAPPAN, J.**

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