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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Ragul S/o.Loganathan,
No.98/11, 1st Street,
Ottagapalayam, Vadapalanai,
Chennai District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by:

The Inspector of Police
R-9, Valasaravakkam Police Station,
Chennai District.
(Crime No.334/2025)

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.334 of 2025 by the respondent Police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. M. Manimaran

For Respondent(s): Mr. S. Vinoth Kumar,
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.02.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 278, 123 and 132 of B.N.S. in Crime No.334 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The *case of the prosecution* is on 23.06.2025, the petitioner along with other accused was found to be illegal possession of 500 nos of Tapentadol tablets, each weighing 100 mg, without any license. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been under incarceration since 05.02.2026. He would further submit that no recovery has been made from this petitioner, that he has been implicated only based on the confession of the co-accused and the co-accused were already released on bail and hence prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and objected the bail application. However, he fairly submitted that no recovery has been made from this petitioner and investigation has already been completed.

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

6. From the submissions made on either side, it is seen that the petitioner is under judicial custody since 25.02.2026. The learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that this petitioner has been implicated in this case only



based on the confession of the main accused and the co-accused were granted bail. The learned Government Advocate has also fairly submitted that no recovery has been made from this petitioner and investigation has already been completed. In such view of the factual position, taking into consideration the incarceration of the petitioner since 25.02.2026 and considering the release of the co-accused, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to the following stringent conditions:

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 each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Poonamallee** 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 petitioner shall sign before the respondent police daily twice at 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. until further orders. No relaxation petition shall be entertained within 60 days.**

[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 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]:

[f] 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 No.I, Poonamallee.
2. The Inspector of Police, R-9, Valasaravakkam Police Station, Chennai District.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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