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Crl.O.P.No.9148 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.04.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

Crl.O.P.No.9148 of 2026

Sekar, S/o.Palani

... Petitioner

Vs.

State, rep. by the  
Inspector of Police,  
Papparapatti Police Station,  
Crime No.156 of 2025  
Dharmapuri District.

... Respondent

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of his arrest or on his appearance before any Court in connection with the case in Crime No.156 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.T.Vishnu

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 123 of Amended IPC, 2023 read with Section 24(1) of COTPA Act, 2003, in Crime No.156 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he was in possession of 8 bags of banned hans chaap and one bag of banned cool lip tobacco totalling to 220 kgs. 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. It was further submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any other stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the 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 allegation against the petitioner is serious in nature. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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



6. Considering the recovery of huge quantity of banned tobacco products, this Court is of the view that enlarging the petitioner on anticipatory bail will have a serious negative impact on society. Therefore, the petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail at this stage.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original petition is dismissed.

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To

1. Inspector of Police, Papparapatti Police Station, Dharmapuri District.
2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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