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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 27-03-2026**

CORAM:

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

**CRL OP No. 7831 of 2026**

Raghu S/o. Vijayakumar,  
No.1/32, Aandivilai,  
Chettiyapathu,  
Thoothukodi - 628 203.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

**The State of Tamil Nadu represented by:**

The Inspector of Police,  
K8, Arumbakkam Police Station,  
Chennai.  
[Cr. No.399/2025]

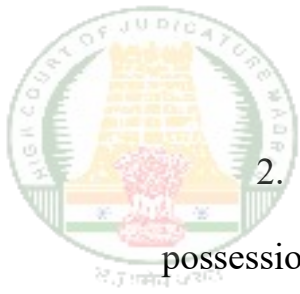
..Respondent(s)

**PRAYER:** The Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Cr.No.399 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent Police.

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| For Petitioner(s): | Mr. T.Jai Surya                                              |
| For Respondent(s): | Mr. S. Vinoth Kumar,<br>Government Advocate (Criminal side). |

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.01.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c) read with 22(b), 29(1) and 25 of NDPS Act in Crime No.399 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The *case of the prosecution* is that A1 to A3 were found in illegal possession of 8.190 gms, 4.970 gms and 3.170 gms of Methamphetamine. 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 23.01.2026. He would further submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession of the co-accused and the property involved in this case is only intermediate quantity. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court 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 would fairly submit that 44 grams of Methamphetamine were recovered from the accused and more than 50 grams of quantity is a commercial quantity and the co-accused were already released on bail.

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



6. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was remanded to judicial custody on 23.01.2026 and 44 grams of Methamphetamine has been recovered, which is only an intermediate quantity. He would further submit that the petitioner has been arrayed as A13 and co-accused were already granted bail. Though the learned Government objected the bail application on the ground that the petitioner has one previous case, he would fairly submit that co-accused have already been released on bail and this is a case of intermediate quantity. Therefore, taking into consideration the period of incarceration of the petitioner since 23.01.2026 and upon the fact that the co-accused have already been released on bail, 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 V Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai** 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 at 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for a period of 60 days and thereafter as and when required by the respondent police 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 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 V Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police, K8, Arumbakkam Police Station, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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**C.KUMARAPPAN, J.**

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