



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 7838 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Veeranam Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No.47 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

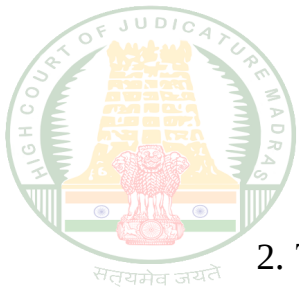
Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, to order enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.47 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.C.Deepak Kumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.02.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.47 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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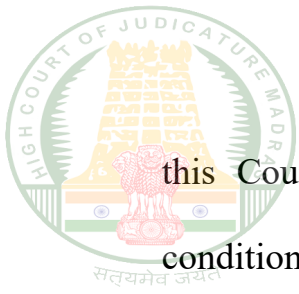
2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he was found in possession of 2.50 kilograms of ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the contraband seized falls within the intermediate quantity and that the petitioner has been in custody since 24.02.2026. It is his specific submission that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of bail, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and that the quantity involved is of intermediate nature.

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

6. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner since 24.02.2026, the fact that the contraband seized falls within the intermediate quantity, and the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents,



this Court is inclined 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 executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties each for a like sum, to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Salem, 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 everyday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of 30 days 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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner 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***



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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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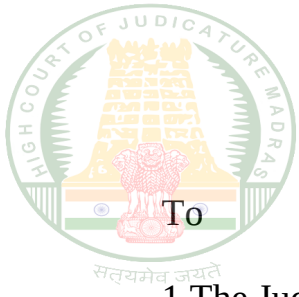
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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Salem.
- 2.The Superintendent, Central Prison, Salem.
- 3.The Inspector of Police, Veeranam Police Station, Salem District.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai.



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