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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Ranjith

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
T-12, Poonamallee Police Station,
Avadi District.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.76 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent Police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Belman

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 02.02.2026 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 8(c) read with Sections 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.76 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with the other accused, was allegedly found in possession of 1.200 kilograms of ganja, pursuant to which he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and that the alleged contraband quantity of 1.200 kilograms was not recovered from him. He would further submit that the petitioner was implicated only based on the confession statement of the co-accused and has been in custody since 02.02.2026. 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 to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that five previous cases are pending against the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and though the learned Government Advocate would submit that five previous cases are pending against the petitioner, in view of the period of incarceration undergone



by the petitioner since 02.02.2026, considering intermediate quantity, 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 their 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 II, Poonamallee, 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. and 05.30 p.m. for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required by the investigation officer 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 petitioners 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***



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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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate II, Poonamallee.
2. The Superintendent, Puzhal Jail, Chennai.
3. The Inspector of Police, T-12, Poonamallee Police Station, Avadi.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai.



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