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Crl.O.P.No.10333 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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Naveen Edwinraja, S/o.Raja

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. By
The Inspector of Police,
Velankanni Police Station,
Nagapattinam District.
(Crime No.97 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.97 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Mohammed Aseef

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

ORDER

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he inadvertently omitted to include Section 123 of the BNS in the petition and requests that the same may be added. Request is acceded to and the same is added.



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2. Petition seeking bail in respect of Crime No.97 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b) (ii) (A), 25, 8(c) of NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 123 of BNS, 2023 is on board for consideration.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner, pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner, who has been in incarceration since 28.03.2026 and false implication in the case, seeks indulgence of this Court. He further submits that the petitioner is in no way connected with the alleged offence, however, without prejudice to the defence and contention, the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

3. The case of the prosecution as put forth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing for grant of bail, is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 340 grams of ganja. He further submits that the petitioner has one previous case.

4. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees**



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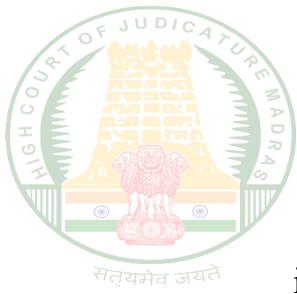
Ten Thousand only) to the credit of "**Manonmani Trust, Account Number : 9945983362, IFSC Code : KKBK0000469, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Anna Nagar Branch**", without prejudice to the right of defence before the trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

5. Further, having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions and accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Kilvelur**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during



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investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the 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)AIR SCW 5560]*;

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Kilvelur
2. The Inspector of Police, Velankanni Police Station, Nagapattinam District.
3. The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Nagapattinam.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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