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Crl.O.P.No.11590 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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...Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Town Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Crime No.165 of 2026.

...Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS,
seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.165 of 2026,
pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Mahendra Babu

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner/accused no.1, who was arrested on 01.04.2026 and
remanded to judicial custody on the same day for the offences punishable
under Sections 275 & 123 of BNS r/w. Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and
other Tobacco Products Act in Crime No.165 of 2026 on the file of the
respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with other accused person, was found in illegal possession of 18 Kgs of banned Tobacco products. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case and that, he is in custody for more than a month and that, this is the first bail petition filed by the petitioner. Hence, he prayed that the petitioner may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that though there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner, however, there is a specific overt act attributed against him. Hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offences and also considering the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and also considering the



period of incarceration of the petitioner from 01.04.2026, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

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[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Arakkonam**, and on further conditions that:

[b] **the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;**

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he is an accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he is suspected;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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]***.



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

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Note:

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2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To:

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Arakkonam.
2. The Sub Jail,
Arakkonam.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Town Police Station,
Ranipet District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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