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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Akash Kumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep., by
The Inspector of Police,
Veppur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No. 97 of 2026)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.97 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Vasudevan Bramalingam

For Respondent(s): Mr. S. Balaji,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



ORDER

The petitioner / accused, who apprehends arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 275, 123 of BNS, 2023 and Section 24(1) of The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 in connection with the Crime No.97 of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner was found in possession on 419 kgs of tobacco products, worth about Rs.3,23,000/-, which are prohibited items. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed anticipatory bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that Petitioner has no previous cases. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.

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



6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side and the nature of offences and taking into account the fact that though the petitioner no previous cases, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.1, Viruthachalam** on condition that the petitioner shall 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 Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.00 a.m for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[b] 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 her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

[c] the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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Note :

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High Court of Madras.



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