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Crl.O.P.No.12036 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-05-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP NO.12036 of 2026

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... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
PEW Nannilam Police Station,
Tiruvarur District.
(Crime No.368 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/accused in Crime No.368 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ponbalaji

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

ORDER



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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(C), 4(1)(A) of TNP (Amendment) Act, 2024 in Crime No.368 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.04.2026, while the respondent police conducted a prohibition raid near Vedhandhapuram, they intercepted A1 and A2, who came in a two wheeler without a registration number; that on seeing the police, they left the vehicle and ran away; that on examination of the said vehicle, liquor bottles from Pondicherry were being smuggled in that vehicle. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent, he has been falsely implicated in this case and he is only the owner of the vehicle, which is seized. He further submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence and there is no recovery from the petitioner and the petitioner is ready and willing to furnish substantial sureties for his due release and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Hon'ble Court and therefore, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has no previous antecedents and he is the owner of the vehicle, in which the co-accused have illegally smuggled the liquor bottles. He also submitted that the co-accused were already arrested and released on bail.

5. Considering the rival submissions made on both sides, the nature of offence, the fact that no materials were recovered from the petitioner and the petitioner has no previous antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant **anticipatory bail** to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. 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 **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Nannilam** 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 every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks



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and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

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[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 previous 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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Note :

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Nannilam.
2. The Inspector of Police,
PEW Nannilam Police Station,
Tiruvarur District.
(Crime No.368 of 2026)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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