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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL.O.P.No.12351 of 2026

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..Petitioner

Vs

State Rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Katpadi Police Station,
Vellore District.
Tamil Nadu.
(Crime No. 50/2026)

..Respondent

PRAYER: - The Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S/438 of Cr.P.C. Act, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 50/2026 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.G.Nirmal Krishnan
For Respondent	:	Mr.S.Balaji, Government Advocate.

ORDER

The petitioner herein apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(C) of TNP (Amendment) Act, 2024 in Crime No.50 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 62 bottles of liquor, which resulted in the registration of the present case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Therefore, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is having eight previous cases. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of 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 the offenses alleged, and further taking note of the facts that the petitioner was implicated solely on the basis of the confession of the co-accused, that no recovery is pending from the petitioner, and that although he has eight previous



cases, he has been granted bail in all those matters, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, Vellore District** 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 daily at 10.00 a.m. for a period of thirty (30) days.

[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].

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[f] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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1. The Inspector of Police,
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Tamil Nadu.
2. The Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, Vellore District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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P.DHANABAL, J.

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