



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-05-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP No. 12675 of 2026

1. Santhi

28/2, Main road,

Pennadam,R.S.Post,Thittagudi

Taluk,Cuddalore

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep By, The Inspector of
Police

28/2, Main road,

Pennadam,R.S.Post,Thittagudi

Taluk,CuddaloreThe Inspector of Police

Pennadam Police Station, Cuddalore

District. Crime No. 307 of 2025

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 to enlarge the
Petitioner on bail in the event of her arrest by the Respondent Police in Crime
No. 307 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D Bennington

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest in the hands of the respondent police
for the offences punishable under Sections 275, 123 of BNS, 2023 and Section
24(1) of COTPA Act, 2003 in connection with the case in Crime No.307 of
2025, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police was
conducting a raid, the petitioner was found with illegal possession of 22
pouches of 330 packets of banned tobacco products in her shop. Hence, the



case.

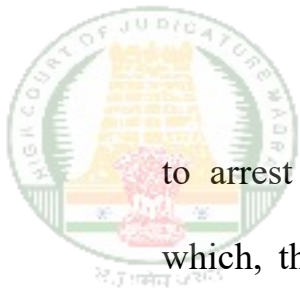
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioner was found with illegal possession of banned tobacco products in her shop and that there are four previous cases pending as against the petitioner. The petitioner was arrayed as accused based on the confession of co-accused. However, vehemently opposed to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side, nature of offence, though there are four cases pending as against the petitioner, in all cases, already bail was granted to her, even according to the prosecution, based on of the confession of co-accused, the petitioner was arrayed as accused, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain 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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Tittagudi 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 respondent Police or the Police officer who intends



to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and 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 every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police
28/2, Main road,
Pennadam, R.S. Post, Thittagudi
Taluk, Cuddalore
The Inspector of Police
Pennadam Police Station, Cuddalore
District. Crime No. 307 of 2025

2. The Judicial Magistrate, Tittagudi

3. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court



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