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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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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep. By
Inspector of Police,
M-3 Puzhal Police Station,
Chennai (Cr. No.284 of 2026)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in the case pending investigation in Crime No.284 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Rafi Babu

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.04.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, in Cr. No.284 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that based on the secret information with regard to the illegal selling of Ganja, the respondent police conducted search and found the petitioner in possession of 1.150 Kilograms of ganja. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner. The petitioner is under judicial custody since 03.04.2026. He further submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that this case has been foisted against the petitioner for statistical purpose. Therefore he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 1.150 Kilograms of Ganja. He further submits that the petitioner has eighteen previous cases pending against him. He further submits that if the petitioner is released on bail, he may abscond and would commit similar kind of offences in future as well. 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 on either side, nature of offences, though the petitioner has got eighteen previous cases pending against him, considering the fact that same are not of similar nature and also considering the fact that the quantity seized does not fall under the category of commercial quantity and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[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 **District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Madhavaram** and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he is 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 her 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 B.N.S.2023.

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3. The Central Prison-II, Puzhal.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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