



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 12172 of 2026

S.Raja @ Amblet Raja

..Petitioner

Vs

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
K-6, T.P. Chathiram Police Station,
Chennai. Crime No. 179 of 2025.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in C.C. No. 63 of 2026 on the file of the Learned Court of Special Judge, II Additional Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases Under NDPS Act, Chennai in connection to Crime No. 179 of 2025 on the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner:

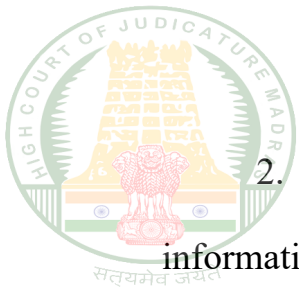
Mr.A.Aravindan for
M/s.Arulselvam Associates

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

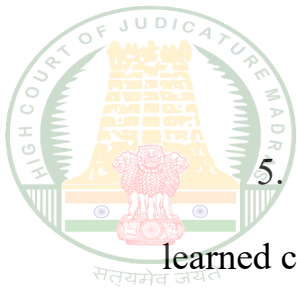
The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.07.2025 for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C), 29(1) of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.179 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that on 22.07.2025, based on information, the respondent police intercepted the accused persons and recovered a total quantity of 21.430 kilograms of ganja. According to the prosecution, 10.745 kilograms of ganja along with cash of Rs.3,600/- was recovered from A1 and A2 and 10.685 kilograms of ganja was recovered from the petitioner/A3. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case and has not committed any offence as alleged. It is further submitted that the petitioner was secured from his residence and thereafter shown as arrested in the present case. The learned counsel would also submit that A2 has already been enlarged on bail in Crl.O.P.No.11786 of 2026 dated 07.05.2026, therefore the petitioner seeks parity. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner has three previous cases. However, upon verification of the factual position, the previous cases are not of similar nature. It is further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are serious and therefore, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.



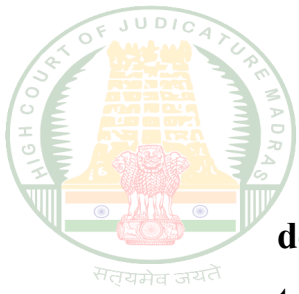
5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.

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6. From the submissions of the learned counsel on either side, this Court is of the view that A2 has already been enlarged on bail in Crl.O.P. No. 11786 of 2026, dated 07.05.2026. Though the petitioner has three previous cases, upon verification of the factual position, the previous cases are not of a similar nature. Taking into consideration the fact that the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail, this Court is inclined to show parity in favour of the petitioner and enlarge him on bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned **Special Judge, II Additional Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under NDPS Act, Chennai** and subject to the following conditions:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;



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(b) The petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Thousand Only] directly to the credit of “Tamil Nadu Advocate’s Clerk’s Association, Account No.484026006, Indian Bank High Court Branch, IFSC Code: IDIB000M157” without prejudice to the right of the defence before the Trial Court and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

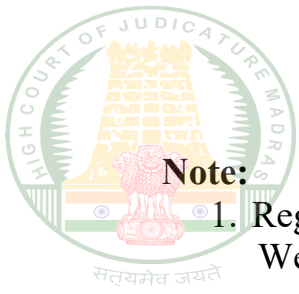
[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]*;

[g] If the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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To

1. The learned Special Judge, II Additional Special Court for Exclusive Trial of cases under NDPS Act, Chennai.
2. The Central Jail, II Puzhal, Chennai.
3. The Inspector of Police,
K-6, T.P. Chathiram Police Station,
Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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