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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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Jayachandran @ Balu

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State By, The Sub Inspector of Police,
Katpadi Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.97 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: The Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.97 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr. D.Pulikesi

For Respondent(s):

Mr.R.Vinoth Raja
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.04.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 5, 7(3) of Lottery Regulation Act, 1998 and Sections 132, 351(2) of BNS 2023 in Cr. No.97 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal selling of banned lottery tickets. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is under judicial custody since 20.04.2026. 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 bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has two previous cases. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, nature of offence and the fact that the petitioner is on bail in other cases and considering the period of incarceration undergone by him, 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 **Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, Vellore** and on further conditions that:

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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m. for thirty days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which she 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].

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

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To

1. Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, Vellore.
2. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Katpadi Police Station,
Vellore District.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Vellore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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