



CrI.O.P.No.12698 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 14.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

CrI.O.P.No.12698 of 2026

1. Rekha

W/o.Raja @ Vathu Raja

2. Raja @ Vathu Raja

S/o.Muthu

... Petitioners

Vs

State Rep. by

The Inspector of Police

P.EW-Gummidipoondi Police Station,

Thiruvallur District.

(Crime No.18/2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.18 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.N.Arunkumar

For Respondent : Mr.S.Balaji
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)



ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 4(1)(A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024, in connection with Cr.No.18 of 2026, seek anticipatory bail.

2 The case of the prosecution is that on 16.04.2026 at about 11.30 hours, when the police were on patrol duty, A1 was found selling IMFL liquor against the Liquor Rules, near Ellaiyamman Koil Street, New Gummidipoondi and the police seized 06 bottles of MC Lene Brandy (each 180 ml) from A1. Hence, a case was registered in Cr.No.18/2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 4(1)(A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024.

3 The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the respondent police and only based on the confession statement of the co-accused, they have been implicated in the present case. Hence, the learned counsel seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4 The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the



respondent would submit that the petitioners have been arrayed as A2 & A3 and there is one previous case pending against the first petitioner and 13 previous cases are pending against the second petitioner. Hence he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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

6 Considering the nature of the offence and the fact that there is no recovery from these petitioners and entire property has been recovered only from A1 and they were implicated as accused only based on the confession statement of co-accused and even though there are some cases pending against the petitioners, in all the cases bail was granted to them, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions.

7 Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Gummidipoondi**, on condition that each of the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the



learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners shall report before the respondent-police on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required.

[b] the petitioners 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 him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

[c] the petitioners shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

[d] the petitioners 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.2023.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police, P.EW-Gummidipoondi Police Station, Thiruvallur District.
2. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Gummidipoondi.
3. The Public Prosecutor, Madras High Court.



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