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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Sarathkumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep. by The Inspector of Police,
Vaniyambodi Town Police Station,
Tirupattur District.
(Crime.No.160/2026)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition o enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime.No.160/2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent and thus render Justice.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.R.Thulasi

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Balaji, Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1) (C) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act 2024 in Crime No.160 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 10.05.2026 at about 08.00 a.m., the respondent police, while on routine patrol near Thirumaniolai Bridge, found the petitioner standing near a two-wheeler in a suspicious manner. On seeing



the police, the petitioner attempted to flee, but the police intercepted him and conducted a search, during which 10 bottles of Old Chief Strong XXX Rum, each containing 180 ml, were recovered from his possession. Thereafter, the respondent police seized the contraband and vehicle and registered the present case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to furnish substantial sureties for his due release and to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Hon'ble Court and therefore, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the alleged contraband has been siezed and the petitioner has 10 previous cases pending against him.

5. Considering the rival submissions made on both sides, nature of offence, the quantity of contraband involved in this case and though the petitioner has some previous cases, in all those cases, petitioner were granted bail by this Court, this Court is inclined to grant **anticipatory bail** to the



petitioner with certain conditions.

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6. 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned the **Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi** 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner 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 for interrogation;

[b] 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;

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

[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



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].

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

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Vaniyambodi Town Police Station,
Tirupattur District.

2. The Judicial Magistrate, Vaniyambodi.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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