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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 13167 of 2026

Mahendra Kumar

..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Villupuram Taluk Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No.179 of 2026

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime
No.179 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner:

Mr.E.Kannadasan

For Respondent:

Mr.N.Palanivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
16.04.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 123, 274, 275 of the
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 r/w 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco
Products Act, 2003, in Crime No.179 of 2026 on the file of the respondent
police, seeks bail.

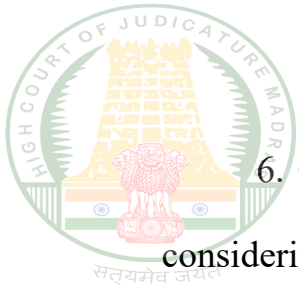


2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 16,500 packets of Hans and 4,560 packets of Cool Lip. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner, pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner, who has been in incarceration since 16.04.2026 and false implication in the case, seeks indulgence of this Court. He submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner has one previous case against him and huge quantity of banned tobacco products was recovered from him. Hence, 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.



6. Considering the submission of the learned counsel on either side and considering the huge quantity of banned tobacco products recovered from the petitioner and the nature of the allegations, this Court is of the view that this is not an appropriate stage to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Villupuram.
2. The Inspector of Police, Villupuram Taluk Police Station, Villupuram District.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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