



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. 13310 of 2026

Kandhaswamy Raja

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Intelligence Officer
Directorate of Revenue Intelligence,
Coimbatore.
F.No.DRI/CRU/VIII/48/ENQ-01/INT-01-2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail
pending investigation in FNo.DRI/CRU/VIII/48/ENQ-01/INT-01-2026 on the
file of the respondent.

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.K Nivesh Kumar
For Respondent(s):	Mr.N.P.Kumar Special Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
06.04.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8 (c) r/w 9A, 25 A and 29 of
the NDPS Act, 1985, in FNo.DRI/CRU/VIII/48/ENQ-01/INT-01-2026 on the
file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other
accused was illegally transporting 24.680 kg of Pseudoephedrine, a controlled
substance in a lorry. Hence the case.

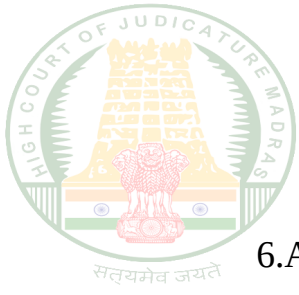


3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been in custody since 06.04.2026. He stated that

Pseudoephedrine is a controlled substance which cannot be used for purposes other than medication. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner along with other accused was illegally transporting 24.680kg of Pseudoephedrine worth approximately Rs.5 crore. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5.Although the learned counsel for the petitioner contended that this is a controlled substance, the quantity involved is huge i.e 24.680kg. According to the prosecution case, its value in the international market is Rs.5 crore which clearly demonstrates the manner in which this controlled substance is being used as a drug. Hence, considering the involvement of commercial quantity, this Court is of the firm view that, if the petitioner is enlarged on bail that would shock the conscience of the society. Consequently, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.



6. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1. The Intelligence Officer
Directorate of Revenue Intelligence,
Coimbatore.

2. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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