



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

CRL OP No. 13617 of 2026

Venkatesan
S/o.Arul Kumar,
No.113/26, Bangalore Road,
Senbakkam, Vellore District.

..Petitioner(s) /
Accused No.4

Vs

State represented by
Inspector of Police,
Vellore North L & O Police Station,
Vellore, Vellore District.
Crime No.75 of 2026

..Respondent(s) /
Complainant

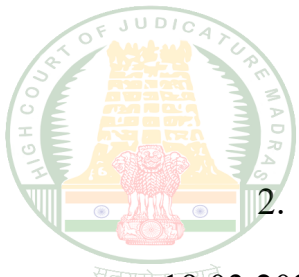
Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.75 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Vellore North L & O Police Station, Vellore, Vellore District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Vinodhkumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.L.Baskaran,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 19.05.2026 under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant bail.



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2. The petitioner/A4, was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.03.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 111 and 123 of BNS, 2023 in connection with Crime No.75 of 2026 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that, on 19.03.2026 at about 09.00 hrs. based on secret information, the de facto complainant along with his team, reached the spot and found that the petitioner along with the other accused were selling 220 numbers of Tapentadol tablets. The accused was subsequently arrested, and the contraband were seized. Based on this, the present complaint was lodged and the same has been registered.

4. Mr.G.Vinodhkumar, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner / A4 is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 19.03.2026 and till date he is under incarceration. He further submits that the petitioner has permanent residence. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He therefore prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, Mr.L.Baskaran, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that the respondent-police



seized 220 numbers of Tapentadol tablets from the petitioner and other accused persons. The respondent-police, after following the Act and Rules, seized the Narcotics / contraband. He further submits that investigation in this case is still pending. Hence,, he prays for the dismissal of this petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused all the materials available on record.

7. The petitioner was arrested on 19.03.2026. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society. Therefore, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the offence alleged against the petitioner and taking note of the fact that though there is one previous case against the petitioner, with a view to give one more opportunity to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, however subject to certain conditions.

(i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore.**

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The Judicial



Magistrate No.IV, Vellore shall obtain a copy of any one of their identity proofs to ensure their identity.

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(iii) **The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-police daily at 09.00 a.m. until further orders.**

(iv) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile numbers to the Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore.

(v) The petitioner shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond to be executed under Chapter XXXV of BNSS, 2023.

(vi) The petitioner shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, of the commission of which he is suspected.

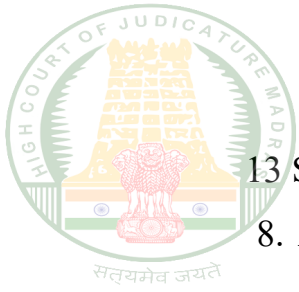
(vii) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

(viii) The petitioner shall also not directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the de facto complainant, victims, and witnesses.

(ix) The petitioner shall not enter into the de facto complainant's house or his work place.

(x) The petitioner shall not try to contact the de facto complainant, victims, and witnesses either directly or through any electronic mode.

(xi) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore or Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala* [(2005)]



13 SCC 283].

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Vellore
2. The Superintendent of Prisons,
Central Prison, Vellore.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Vellore North L & O Police Station,
Vellore, Vellore District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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