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Crl.O.P.No.15754 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Vandavasi South Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No.88 of 2026)

... Respondent

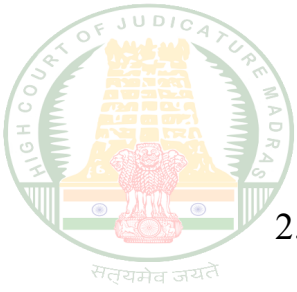
PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner
anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.88 of 2026 pending
investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Dinesh Babu

For Respondent : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent
police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A) and 4(1)(C) of the
Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.88 of 2026, on the file of the
respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



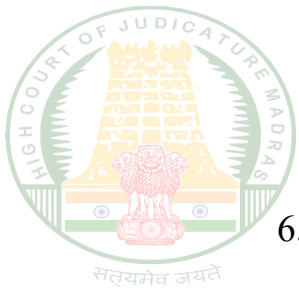
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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused were found in illegal possession of 11 bottles of liquor. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police would fairly submit that the petitioner has no previous case.

5. Taking into consideration of the totality of the circumstances and the fact that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, this Court is of the firm view that, at this length of time, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions:



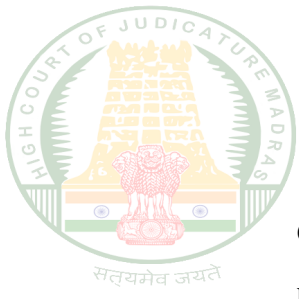
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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate Court, Vandavasi, Tiruvannamalai District**, on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:**

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety ship (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) **The petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.20,000/- [Rupees Twenty Thousand Only] directly to the credit of “Tamil Nadu Advocate’s Clerk’s Association, Account No.484026006, Indian Bank High Court Branch, IFSC Code: IDIB000M157” without prejudice to the right of the**



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defence before the Trial Court and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

(d) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks, and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(e) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]***;

(f) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court,
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- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Vandavasi South Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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