



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 16903 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu Rep By
The Inspector of Police
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.218 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the Petitioner on Bail in
Crime No.218 of 2026 Pending Investigation before the Respondent – Police.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.N.Mohana Priya

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar

Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
31.05.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8 (c) r/w 22 (b), 25 and 29
(1) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.218 of 2026 on the file of the respondent
police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with the other
accused was found in illegal possession of 22 grams of Methamphetamine.
Hence the case.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been in custody since 31.05.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner 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 reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that no previous cases have been registered against the petitioner. He further submitted that 20 air-tight plastic covers were recovered from the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering that the total recovery of contraband constitutes an intermediate quantity, that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, and that the petitioner has been incarcerated since 31.05.2026, this court is of the firm view that his further custody is not necessary. Consequently, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Additional District Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore**, and subject to the following conditions:



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[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]*;

[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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To

1.The Additional District Judge / Presiding Officer,
Special Court for Essential Commodities Act
Cases, Coimbatore.

2.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

3.The Inspector of Police
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

4.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.

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