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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL O.P.No. 16480 of 2026

Kamaldoss

..Petitioner

Vs

State By,
The Inspector of Police,
Vandavasi North Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
Crime No.66 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.66 of 2026 pending investigation before the respondent police.

For Petitioner: Mr.A.Anandharaj

For Respondent: Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamilnadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(C), 4(1-A)(ii) of TNP (Amendment) Act, in Crime No.66 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 08.06.2026, based on secret information, the respondent police went to the place of occurrence and found the petitioner along with other accused in possession of 30 liters of illicit country-made arrack. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 08.06.2026. The learned counsel would further submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. It is also submitted that the petitioner is the sole breadwinner of his family and he is ready to cooperate with the investigation and abide by any condition imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would oppose the bail application on the ground that the petitioner was found in possession of illicit country-made arrack and also raw materials used for its preparation. It is further submitted that proceedings under Act 14 are also proposed against the petitioner.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.



6. This Court is of the view that though the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would submit that proceedings under Act 14 are proposed against the petitioner, taking into consideration the quantity involved, the fact that there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner and that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 08.06.2026, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail subject to certain conditions.

7. 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 for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Vandavasi**, and subject to the following conditions:

[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 police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m until further orders;

[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;



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[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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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Vandavasi.
2. Vandavasi Sub Jail.
3. The Inspector of Police, Vandavasi North Police Station, Tiruvannamalai District.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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