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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

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Ramesh

..Petitioner

Vs

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police
Erode South Police Station,
Erode.
Cr.No.124/2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with Crime No.124 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police

For Petitioner:

Mr.S.Lakshmipathy

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.05.2026 for the alleged offence under sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B), 25 and 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.124 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 2.200 kgs of contraband. Hence, the case.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government counsel (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that petitioner is arrayed as A2 and has been arrested on 28.05.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him. However, he opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case; taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), considering the totality of the circumstances, and the period of incarceration of the petitioner and upon the fact that there are no previous case pending against him, this Court



is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

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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 each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act, Coimbatore**, and on further conditions that:

[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 daily at 10.30 a.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;

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



[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Note:

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To:

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

2. The District Jail
Gobichettipalayam, Erode.

3. The Inspector of Police
Erode South Police Station,
Erode.

4. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras



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