

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 17077 of 2026

Renjith
S/o. Prakash,
Arakkamoothattu, Nayathode,
Angamaly Taluk, Ernakulam District,
Kerala.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
PEW., Erode Police Station,
Crime No.124/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on Bail in Crime
No.124 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Balaji

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
12.05.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 8 (c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) 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 based on the secret information, the respondent police went to the place of occurrence and found that the petitioner was found in possession of 5.500 kgs of ganja. Hence, the case.

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 Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and fairly submitted that the petitioner was in possession of 5.500 kgs of ganja which comes under intermediate quantity. He further submitted that the entire contraband was recovered from the petitioner. He also submitted that the petitioner has no previous criminal antecedents, however, as the petitioner is a native of Kerala, there is a likelihood of his absconding if released on bail. Hence, 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.



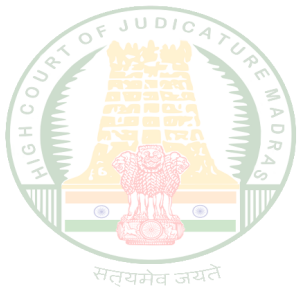
6. From the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and taking into consideration of the above averment of the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), this Court is of the firm view that it is appropriate to consider the bail application of the petitioner as the quantity comes under intermediate one and also considering the duration of incarceration of the petitioner since 12.05.2026, 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 each (among two sureties, one should be a blood surety and one should be a local surety)**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, 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



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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.

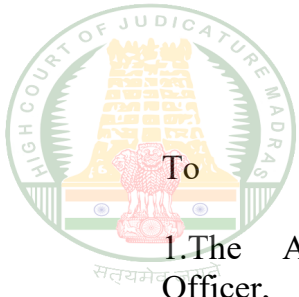
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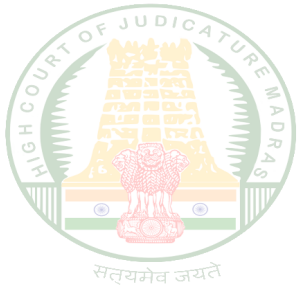
To

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
PEW., Erode Police Station,

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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