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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No.27232 of 2026

Jetu Hantal,
S/o.Raju Hantal,
Mulaput, Panasaput,
Malkangiri, Odisha-764 052. ...Petitioner/Accused No.2

Vs

The State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Walajapet Police Station,
Ranipet District. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.248 of 2025

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.248 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.S.Karthik Raja
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.06.2025 for the alleged offence under Sections 8 (C), 20(b)(ii)(c) & 29(1) of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in Crime No.248 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. This is the second bail application. The case pertains to the transportation of Ganja in a commercial quantity of 150 kg. Five gunny bags, each containing 30 kg of Ganja, were allegedly recovered after the accused alighted from the train.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 21.06.2025. He also submitted that the petitioner's earlier bail application in Crl.O.P. No. 1544 of 2026 was dismissed on 09.02.2026. It was further contended that no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner with regard to the recovery of the contraband. The petitioner is also ready and willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, the learned counsel prayed that the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) strongly opposed the bail petition by submitting that the CDR details and other materials are available to establish the link between the petitioner and the other accused. He further submitted that all the four accused had jointly assembled at one place. Hence, he sought dismissal of the bail petition.

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5. Even in the earlier bail petition, it was observed that the petitioner had travelled along with the contraband and that there was a joint concert among the accused. Therefore, the rigours of Section 37 of the NDPS Act are attracted. Further, even at the time of dismissal of the earlier bail petition, the charge sheet had already been filed. Hence, there is no change in circumstances warranting reconsideration of the petitioner's request for bail. Accordingly, the present bail petition is liable to be dismissed.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and in the absence of any change in circumstances, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7.Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Walajapet Police Station,
Ranipet District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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