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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 28851 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012352382026}

Gowtham @ Ramachandiran
S/o Madheswaran,
180E, Kumaragiri Adivaram,
Ammapet,
Salem District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Represented By, The Inspector of Police
Veeranam Police Station,
Salem City.
Crime NO. 57 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioner herein on bail in respect of Cr.No. 57 of 2025 on the file of the Veeranam Police Station, Salem and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Prabhu

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 **09.03.2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 8(c) read with Sections 20(b)(ii)©, 25, 29(1) of NDPS Act** in Crime No. 57 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 08.03.2026 at about 12.30 hours, the then Inspector of Police, Veeranam Police Station, on secret information about the illegal sale of contraband, went with her party to Sundharrajan Colony, Valasaiyur and found for person there – two with a Taurus Lorry bearing Reg. No. TN 25 BC 3889 and two with a TVS Jupiter two wheeler bearing Reg. No.TN 77 AY 2065 who attempted to escape on seeing the police. On consent letters obtained from the four between 12.45 and 13.30 hours, their bundles were searched. Four bundles of ganja, each wrapped in Khaki tape, were seized under four separate mahazars between 13.30 and 16.3 hours about 11.380 kilograms from the the first accused with the lorry about 4.638 kilograms from the second accused with the two-wheeler, about 4.308 kilograms from the third accused and abou 1.638 kgs from the petitioner. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further undertakes that the petitioner will strictly abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court and will co-operate with the investigation. He also submit that co-accused had been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No. 25567 of 2026.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent state strongly opposes the grant of bail stating that apart from this

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case, petitioner has seven previous cases. He further confirmed the fact that the co-accused was granted bail by this Court.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the the co-accused was granted bail by this Court and also the fact that the separate recovery is made, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner subject to the following 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 Judicial Magistrate No.II, Salem** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix his 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 his 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

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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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1. Judicial Magistrate No.II, Salem.

2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem.

3. The Inspector of Police
Veeranam Police Station,
Salem City.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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