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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.10.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL.O.P.No.29628 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012412442026}

Manivannan @ Sisi Manivannan ..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police,
Adambakkam Police Station, Chennai.
Cr.No.34/2026

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Padmanabhan

For Respondent : Mr.M.M.I. Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side).

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with the case pending in **Crime No.34 of 2026** for the alleged offences under **Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985**.

2. This is a companion bail application filed by a co-accused in the very same crime number. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case purely on the basis of a

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co-accused's confession statement and that no recovery of contraband was effected from his personal possession. He underscores that another co-accused has already been enlarged on bail by this Court.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that though it is stated that the petitioner has **13 previous cases**, out of which **two cases** are alleged to be under the NDPS Act, the said listing is structurally flawed. He explains that one of those two highlighted previous cases is none other than the present **Crime No.34 of 2026** itself, which has been registered on the very same day as that of this case. He highlights that only on the basis of this simultaneous registration, the petitioner has been falsely projected as having two active independent previous cases under the NDPS Act. He therefore contends that the objections raised by the prosecution regarding his tracking record are highly misleading.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent State vehemently objects to the grant of bail, strongly contending that the petitioner has multiple previous cases, including those of a similar nature under the NDPS Act, and therefore, he should not be granted bail at this stage.

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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent State.

6. This Court takes note of the submission that the entry of a duplicate crime number on the same day has inflated the apparent number of prior NDPS cases against the petitioner. While the prosecution's concern regarding the petitioner's criminal antecedents is noted, such an objection can be effectively checked and balanced by safeguarding the order with stringent conditions. Considering that a co-accused has already been released on bail and looking into the period of custody, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner on specific terms.

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 **Judicial Magistrate-II, Alandur,** 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;
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> [b] the petitioner shall report before the Trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m., on all working days until further orders;

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[c] the petitioner shall not indulge in similar activity or any other activity in connection with offences under the NDPS Act;

[d] if any such fresh complaint or case is registered against the petitioner under the NDPS Act, the respondent is fully entitled to immediately initiate proceedings before the appropriate court to cancel the bail granted herein;

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[f] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial, and shall not maintain any contact with the witnesses to the occurrence, the officials dealing with the case, or any other person who might be connected to the occurrence;

[g] 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];**

[h] 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 Judicial Magistrate-II, Alandur.

2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal-II, Chennai.

3. The Inspector of Police, Adambakkam Police Station, Chennai.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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