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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 OP No. 29324 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012437952026}

Murugan
S/o.Ganthri,
No.41, Eswaran Kovil Street,
Sowripalayam,
Coimbatore - 641 028.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore.
Cr.No.384/2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail connected with Cr.No.384 of 2026, pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.V.Gayathri

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29(1) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 in Crime No. 384 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused was found in possession of 1.100 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 entire contraband was recovered from the petitioner/A1 and there is no recovery from the petitioner and that he 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 submitted that the petitioner is having four previous cases 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; the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side); the fact that four previous cases are pending against the petitioner and that no recovery was made

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from him and taking into account the period of incarceration of the petitioner since 12.09.2026, this Court is of the firm view that further incarceration of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, 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 Judicial Magistrate No.II, 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

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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 Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Coimbatore.

2. The Inspector of Police
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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