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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32263 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012464782026}

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Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep. by.
The Inspector of Police,
T-14, Pallikaranai Police Station,
Crime No.368 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: To enlarge the petitioner/accused, bail in Crime No.368 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police on such terms and conditions as this Court may deem fit and proper.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J.Kirthick Rishi

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

ORDER

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.08.2026, has filed this petition seeking regular bail in connection with Crime No.368 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, for the alleged offences punishable under Section 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) and 22(a) of the NDPS Act r/w. 123 of BNS.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 07.08.2026, pursuant to alleged secret information, the police party proceeded to Chennai One, 200 Feet Radial Road, Pallikarani and allegedly apprehended the petitioner at about 09.15 a.m. The petitioner was searched and that the police allegedly recovered 500 grams of ganja, 50 Tapentadol tablets of 100 mg each and 20 insulin syringes from a blue-coloured shoulder bag allegedly carried by the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the earlier bail application filed by the petitioner in CRL.O.P.No.28692 of 2026 was dismissed by this Court on 09.10.2026 for non-prosecution. He further submits that there is a change of circumstance, as the petitioner has now undergone continuous incarceration for nearly three months since his arrest on 07.08.2026. He contends that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed. Hence, prayed for granting bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police confirms the period of custody undergone by the petitioner. While reiterating the gravity of the economic offence, he submits that considering the period of custody and a major portion of the investigation has already been completed and there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner, this Court may pass appropriate orders by imposing stringent conditions.

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5. Heard the submissions made by both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the substantial period of custody undergone by the petitioner from 07.08.2026, the progress made in the investigation and that there no previous cases as against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. **In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and 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;

[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, 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;

[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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Index: Yes/No
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
T-14, Pallikaranai Police Station,
2.The Superintendent,
Puzhal Jail – Phase -II.

3.The Judicial Magistrate-II,
Alandur.
4.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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