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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. 30509 of 2026

Chandrasekaran @ Chandrasekaran Rangasami,
S/o.Rangasami,
No.2/268, V.Pudhur,
Pachanampatti Post,
Omalur,
Salem District-636455. ...Petitioner/Accused-2

Vs

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Karuppur Police Station,
Salem City. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.269 of 2026

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest pending investigation in Crime No.269 of 2026 on the file fo the Respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.S.Kiruthika,
For Mr.S.Ganeshkumar
For Respondent(s): Mr. R. Rajasekaran,
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

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The petitioner, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 4(1)(a), 4(1)(k) and 4(1-A) of The Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.269 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Police, has approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 05.09.2026, based on a secret information, the respondent police conducted a surprise search of PON NILA Dhaba, owned by the petitioner, where A1, the manager, was allegedly found in possession of 108 bottles of various brands of liquor without proper authorization and was permitting the public to consume liquor on the premises. The liquor bottles were seized, and a case was registered against the petitioner. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent, has been falsely implicated in this case and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought anticipatory bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He further submitted that no previous case is pending against him.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also perused the records available.

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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and quantity of the liquor seized, and the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to the following conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Salem** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only),** with **two sureties each,** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) 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 identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10:30 A.M., until further orders;

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(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560];***

(e) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Salem.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Karuppur Police Station,
Salem City.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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