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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30879 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012565252026}

Chethanraj
S/o Balaram,
No.70,New Colony,
Agaram,
Kalavai Taluk,
Ranipet District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep by Inspector of Police
Ranipet Pew Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Crime no.97 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail as against the case pending on the file of the Respondent Police in Crime no.97 of 2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Thirumoorthy

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29**.09.2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 123 of BNS Act** in Crime No. 97 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 30 Tapentadol tablets (each containing 100 mg) . Hence, the complaint.

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.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent state strongly opposes the grant of bail and also submitted that the petitioner has no previous case.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the quantity of the contraband involved in this case and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and also the fact that the petitioner has no previous case, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner, subject to strict conditions to ensure his presence during investigation and trial.

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**

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District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Arcot 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 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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To

1. District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Arcot

2. Inspector of Police
   Ranipet Pew Police Station,
   Ranipet District.

3. The Superintendent,
   Central Prison, Vellore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
   Madras High Court.

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