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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. 31019 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012566242026}

Soniya
W/o. Tamilselvan,
No.50, Middle Street, Kalambur Post,
Alliyabad, Tiruvannamalai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
Kalambur Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No.181 of 2026)

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest by the respondent police or on his appearance before the concerned court in connection with Crime No.181 of 2026 (on the file of Inspector of Police, Kalambur Police Station, Tiruvannamalai District) and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Kalaikumar S
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Crl. Side)

Order

The petitioner, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(i) of TNP Act, 1937 and 4(1)(A) TNP(Amendment) Act, 2024, in Crime No.181 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 13.10.2026, the accused, Soniya, was found to have kept 70 bottles of 180 ml MCLINE Brandy in a Honda Dio two-wheeler bearing Registration No.TN97 X 5337 for unauthorised sale. On seeing the police, she allegedly fled from the spot. The police seized the liquor bottles and the vehicle. 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 has nothing to do with the alleged offence and is not connected with the same. She undertakes to cooperate with the respondent police during the enquiry and she will not tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation 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 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 her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate at Arni,** 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 at Arni.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kalambur Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court,
Madras.

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