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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31359 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012594242026}

Prasanth

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented By its, The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvennainallur Police Station, Villupuram District.
Crime No. 0556 / 2026

..Respondent(s)

This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.0556 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R. Raji

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(i) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, read with 4(1)(C) and 4(1-A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024, in Crime No.0556 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. There are totally two accused in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 25 liquor bottles, leading to the registration of the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and a false case has been foisted against the petitioner and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of anticipatory bail, reiterating the prosecution's case. He submitted that there are no previous case pending against the petitioner and the investigation in this case is pending. Hence, he opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, and the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side,, this Court is of the firm view that, custodial interrogation of the petitioner

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is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvennainallur** 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 slip (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 am for a period of fifteen days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;**

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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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvennainallur.

2.The Inspector of Police
Thiruvennainallur Police Station, Villupuram District.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Chennai.

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