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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32141 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012628932026}

K.S.Karthikeyan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Case QR

The State rep by the Inspector of Police
Vellakovil Police station,
Tiruppur District,
Crime No.507 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail, pending investigation in Crime No.507 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of police, vellakovil Police station, Tiruppur District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Thambi
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 275, 123 of BNS, 2023 and Section 20(2) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA), in Crime No.507 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 3.648 kgs of banned tobacco products. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed the grant of bail on the ground that the petitioner has no previous cases pending against him. Hence, he oppose the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the quantity involved in this case, the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, the period of incarceration already undergone by him, and taking note of the fact that he has no previous cases pending against him, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions:

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7. 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**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Kangayam,** and on further conditions that:

[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their 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];**

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[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.The Judicial Magistrate Court, Kangayam.

2. The Inspector of Police
Vellakovil Police station,
Tiruppur District,

3.The officer Incharge, Sub Jail, Dharapuram.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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