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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. 31993 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012636012026}

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Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep by the Sub Inspector of Police
Paradarami Police Station,
Crime NO. 226 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with Crime No.226 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, pending investigation and trial, on such terms and conditions as this Honorable Court.

For Petitioner(s): Rajkumar J

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 7(5), 20(2) of COTPA Act, 2003 and section 123 of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.226 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 700 grams of banned tobacco products. Hence, the present case

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was registered.

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

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail. Upon instructions, he reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has two previous cases pending against her.

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

6. Considering the relatively small quantity of contraband involved in this case, the nature of the allegations, and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to certain conditions, despite the fact that he has two previous cases pending against her.

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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her 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, Gudiyatham, Vellore District,** 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, Gudiyatham,
Vellore District.

2. The Sub Inspector of Police
Paradarami Police Station,
Crime NO. 226 of 2026

3.The Superintendent, Central Jail Women Prison,
Vellore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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