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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.11.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL.O.P.No.32434 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012647262026}

Vikash

..Petitioner

Vs

State Rep. by, The Inspector of Police
Kattur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Cr.No.382 of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in Cr.No.382 of 2026 pending on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Saranraj

For Respondent : Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner was arrested and has been in judicial custody since 07.10.2026 in connection with Crime No.382 of 2026 for offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(b), and 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

2. The gist of the allegation is that the petitioner, along with the other co-accused, was found in joint and unlawful possession of 10 grams of

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Methamphetamine.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the quantity alleged to have been recovered is 10 grams, which falls under the category of an intermediate quantity (more than 0.5 grams but less than 50 grams), and therefore, the stringent embargo on bail under Section 37 of the NDPS Act does not apply. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been in continuous incarceration since 07.10.2026 and is ready to abide by any conditions.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail considering the nature of the synthetic drug seized.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the quantity of contraband seized being intermediate, and the period of judicial custody undergone by the petitioner from 07.10.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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 Judicial Magistrate No.II, Coimbatore**,** and on further conditions that:

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[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 twice 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. The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Coimbatore**.**

2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Coimbatore.

3. The Inspector of Police
Kattur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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