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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32155 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012655992026}

1. Saranraj @ Sara

2. Dinesh

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented By, The Inspector of Police
Auroville Police Station,
Villupuram,
Tamilnadu.
Cr.No247 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in Crime No. 247 of 2026 in the event of his arrest, pending investigation on the file of the Respondent Police and thus render justice.

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

ORDER

The petitioners, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 4(1)(A) and 14A of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) (TNP) Act, 2024, in Crime No.247 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, has approached this Court seeking anticipatory

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bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that while the respondent police were on regular patrol duty, they found the petitioner, along with the other accused, purchasing liquor bottles from Puducherry and transporting 80 bottles-each containing 750 ml-in a car for the purpose of retail sale. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case. The petitioners are ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He further submitted that A1 and A2 have already been arrested and released on bail. Hence, he prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioners. However, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, and also taking note of the fact that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioners and that the co-accused, A1 and A2, have already been granted bail,

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this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vanur, Villupuram District,** on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only),** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further condition:

(a) If the petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on 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 accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vanur, Villupuram District.

2. The Inspector of Police
Auroville Police Station,
Villupuram,
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3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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