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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.O.P.No.32510 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012657752026}

Karthick

..Petitioner

Vs

State Rep. by The Inspector of Police,
F-1, Chitradripet Police Station, Chennai.
Crime No.263 of 2026

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the Petitioner on bail in respect in Crime No.263 of 2026 on the file of The Inspector of Police, F-1, Chintradripet Police Station, where investigation pending and render justice.

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.263 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the alleged offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B), and 29(1) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 11.09.2026.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with the other accused persons were found in illegal possession and conspiracy to transport a total quantity of 1.200 Kgs of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He contends that the contraband seized falls within the category of intermediate quantity and does not attract the strict statutory rigours of Section 37 of the NDPS Act. He further submits that the petitioner has been suffering continuous incarceration since 11.09.2026 and that the investigation has progressed significantly.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent strongly opposes the grant of bail. He submits that though the contraband involved falls within the parameters of an intermediate quantity, the petitioner is a habitual offender. He places the submission before this Court that there are two previous cases pending against the petitioner. Therefore, he submits that if the petitioner is enlarged on bail, there is a strong imminent danger of his absconding or repeating the offence, and prays for the dismissal of this petition.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent, and perused the materials available on record.

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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the contraband involved being an intermediate quantity, and the period of continuous judicial custody suffered by the petitioner since 11.09.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. However, taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) regarding the two previous cases pending against the petitioner, this Court deems it fit to impose highly stringent conditions to ensure the petitioner's presence during trial.

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, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **XIV Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore, Chennai,** and on further conditions that:

[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 at 10:30 A.M. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

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[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 XIV Metropolitan Magistrate Court,
Egmore, Chennai.

2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal II.

3. The Inspector of Police,
F-1, Chitradripet Police Station, Chennai.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of
Madras.

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