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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 12.11.2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH**

**CRL.O.P.No.32956 of 2026**

*CNR: {HCMA012668072026}*

Jegathhari @ Sakthi ..Petitioner

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Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police,
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore City.
Crime No.121 of 2026. ..Respondent

**PRAYER:** To enlarge the Petitioner on bail, pending trial of the case in C.C.No.347 of 2026 on the file of the Learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore and thus render justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Vijayaragavan
For Respondent : Mr.Durai Gunasekaran,
Government Advocate (Crl.side).

**ORDER**

The petitioner / Accused No. 2, who is in judicial custody from **06.10.2026** pursuant to the cancellation of bail in **Crl.M.P.No.2402 of 2026** in connection with **Crime No.121 of 2026** on the file of the respondent police, now pending trial in **C.C.No.347 of 2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B), 22(b), 25 and 29(1)** of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, seeks bail.



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**2.** The case of the prosecution is that on **15.03.2026**, the petitioner was arrested for the alleged illegal possession of **1.250 kgs of Ganja** and **50 Tapentadol tablets**. Thereafter, this Court granted bail to the petitioner by order dated **09.07.2026** in **Crl.O.P. No. 15845 of 2026**, with a condition that the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police daily at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for a period of one month. Subsequently, on the allegation that the petitioner failed to comply with the said bail condition and involved himself in a similar offence while on bail, the bail granted to him was cancelled by order dated **06.10.2026** in **Crl.M.P.No.2402 of 2026**. Hence, the petitioner is seeking bail afresh.

**3.** The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner was already in judicial custody in connection with another case, due to which he could not comply with the reporting condition imposed by this Court. It is further submitted that pursuant to the cancellation of bail on **06.10.2026**, the petitioner is deemed to be in judicial custody in the present case as well from **06.10.2026**. Moreover, the investigation in the present case has already been completed, the final report has been filed and taken on file in **C.C.No.347 of 2026**, and the contraband involved is of intermediate quantity. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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**4.** Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioner violated the bail conditions imposed by this Court in **Crl.O.P.No.15845 of 2026** and also indulged in another case while on bail, leading to the cancellation of his bail in **Crl.M.P.No.2402 of 2026** on **06.10.2026**. He would further submit that the final report has been filed in **C.C.No.347 of 2026** and vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

**6.** From the submissions made on either side, it is seen that the petitioner was already in prison in another case and, pursuant to the order of cancellation of bail dated **06.10.2026** in **Crl.M.P.No.2402 of 2026**, he continues to be in judicial custody in the present case from **06.10.2026**. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner after the cancellation of bail, the fact that the contraband involved is of intermediate quantity, and that the investigation has been completed and the final report has been taken on file in **C.C.No.347 of 2026**, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to stringent conditions:

**7.** Accordingly**, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and 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) each with two sureties,



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**of whom one shall be a blood surety,** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of **the learned Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore,** 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 his identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the trial court daily at 10:30 A.M. on all working days 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 Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for Essential Commodities Act Cases, Coimbatore.

2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

3. The Inspector of Police, Peelamedu Police Station, Coimbatore City.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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**N.RAMESH, J.**

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