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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 OP No. 32916 of 2026

Veerapan Rangasamy,
S/o.Veerapan,
No.1/154, Kada Street,
Velampatti,
Edayathi North,
Pattukkottai District. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State rep by
The Superintendent of Customs,
Air Intelligence Unit International Airport,
Coimbatore District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(O.R. No.11 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in O.R.No.11 of 2026 pending on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Saranraj

For Respondent(s): No appearance

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 111(d), 111(i), 111(1) and 111(m) of the Customs Act and 112(a) and (b) and Punishable Under Section 135(1)(a), 135(1)(b) of Customs Act and Section 20(b)(ii)(A), 29(1) of NDPS Act, in O.R.No.11 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction is that on 21.09.2026, at Coimbatore International Airport, the petitioner, who arrived from Singapore, was intercepted while attempting to exit through the Green Channel without declaring the goods. On search, 736 grams of gold, worth approximately Rs.1,16,28,800/-, was recovered from his possession. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 21.09.2026. He also further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner was intercepted at the airport while attempting to smuggle 736 grams of gold worth approximately Rs.1,16,28,800/- without making the mandatory declaration. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

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6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the quantity and value of the gold seized and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on him 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, 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 their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[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 acc 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Coimbatore.

2.The Superintendent of Customs,
Air Intelligence Unit International Airport,
Coimbatore District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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