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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. 32946 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012697242026}

Valarmathi
W/o Venkatesan,
Kakkanji Nagar,
Nambakkam,
Tiruvallur District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Pennalurpet Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.
Crime No.154 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime no.154 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Pennalurpet Police Station, Tiruvallur District.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.G.Gayathri

For Respondent(s): Mr.Durai Gunasekaran,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.09.2026 for the alleged offences under Section 4(l)(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.154 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 51 brandy bottles, each containing 180 ml, worth about Rs.8,160/-. The entire contraband was seized by the respondent police. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and she has been falsely implicated in the present case and that she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He 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 has been incarcerated since 20.09.2026 and has 24 previous cases, pending against her. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

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6. From the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), it is seen that though the petitioner has 24 previous cases pending against her, in all of the cases she have already been disposed of. However, considering the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, the nature of allegations levelled against her, and the small quantity of liquor recovered in the present case, this Court notwithstanding her previous involvement in criminal cases, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai,** 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., until further orders;

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

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or

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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];**

[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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai.
2. The Inspector of Police
Pennalurpet Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.
3.The Superintendent, Women Central Prison,
Puzhal.
4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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