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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.11.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL.O.P.No.34143 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012753802026}

Vignesh Pandi

..Petitioner

Vs

State Represented By, The Inspector of Police,
Veerapandi Police Station,
Tiruppur City.
Crime No.393 of 2026

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.393 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.Vignesh K.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 06.10.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.393 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 06.10.2026, the respondent police intercepted the petitioner and found him in illegal possession of 1 kg and 42 grams of ganja for the purpose of unlawful sale. Hence, the case.

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3. The learned counsel 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 contraband allegedly seized is 1 kg and 42 grams of ganja, which is just above small quantity and falls under intermediate quantity, and that the petitioner has been languishing in judicial custody since 06.10.2026. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioner was caught red-handed while possessing 1 kg and 42 grams of ganja, and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of bail.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the fact that the contraband involved is 1 kg and 42 grams of ganja which falls under intermediate quantity (not attracting the rigour of Section 37 of the NDPS Act), and also taking note of the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 06.10.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

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 Judicial Magistrate No.4, Tiruppur** and on further conditions that:

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[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 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 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 Inspector of Police,
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Tiruppur City.

2. The Judicial Magistrate No.4, Tiruppur.

3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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