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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.11.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL.O.P.No.34990 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012834002026}

N.Sabarinathan

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..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Crime No.318 of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.318 of 2016 pending on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Rahul

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.10.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(B), and 25 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, in Crime No.318 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on the date of occurrence, the petitioner along with the other accused were found in illegal possession of 1 1/4 kgs (1.250 kgs) of ganja. Hence, the case.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been arrayed as Accused No. 1 and is innocent of the offences alleged against him. He contended that the contraband allegedly seized from the possession of the petitioner is only 1 1/4 kgs of ganja, which is an intermediate quantity and not a commercial quantity. He further submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases to his credit and has been languishing in judicial custody since 13.10.2026, and therefore prayed for the grant of bail.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail and submitted that the petitioner (A1) along with the co accused were found in illegal possession of 1 1/4 kgs of ganja, and that the investigation is still pending. However, he fairly conceded that the petitioner has no previous cases pending against him.

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

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the fact that the contraband involved is 1 1/4 kgs of ganja which is of an intermediate quantity not attracting the statutory bar under Section 37 of the NDPS Act, the absence of any previous criminal antecedents against the petitioner, and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 13.10.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

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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 District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Ranipet, Ranipet District,** 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 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];**

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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 Inspector of Police,
   Ranipet Police Station,
   Ranipet District.

2. The District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Ranipet,
   Ranipet District.

3. The Superintendent,
   Central Prison, Salem.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
   Madras High Court.

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