



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.35219 of 2025

Nagarajan @ Appunu

Petitioner

Vs

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Pernampet Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.337 of 2025.

Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.337 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner: Mr.S.Viswanathan for
M/s.Dass and Viswa Associates

For Respondent: Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.11.2025 for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 4(1)(C),

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4(1)(A), 4(1-A)(ii) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Amendment Act, 2024 in Crime No.337 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was found in possession of 55 packets of Karnataka liquor, each containing 180 ml. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is in judicial custody since 12.11.2025. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has four previous cases, similar in nature, pending against him. He further submitted that this Court had earlier dismissed the bail application of the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.33010 of 2025 on 04.12.2025. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel on either side, the fact that petitioner is in judicial custody from 12.11.2025, and



the petitioner has been granted bail in the previous cases , this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with two sureties, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham*, and on further conditions that:-

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks.

[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 aforesaid conditions,

the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the 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)AIR SCW 5560];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh

FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

1.The *Judicial Magistrate, Gudiyatham,*

2.The Inspector of Police,
Pernampet Police Station,
Vellore District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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