



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.362 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP(MD). No. 362 of 2026

Manikandan

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kundrakudi Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(Crime No.112 of 2024)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Senthil Murugan
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.B.Nambi Selvan
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Cr.No. 112 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner / Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.11.2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w. 20(b)(ii)(c), 29(1) & 25 of NDPS Act, in Crime No.112 of 2024 on the file of



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the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 07.07.2024 at about 13.00 hours, when the respondent police, went to the surveillance, they intercepted the Car came with Andhra Pradesh Registration number, they found the accused persons with 124 kgs. of Ganja. Co-accused has been released on bail. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. There is no direct recovery from this petitioner. The petitioner is in custody for more than 1½ years. Hence, he prayed bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the offence are grave in nature. On the confession of the co-accused this petitioner was implicated as A19 in this case. This petitioner has five previous cases. The contraband recovered in this case is commercial quantity. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.



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5. This Court heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, considering the nature of charges levelled against the petitioner, though the petitioner has five previous cases, they are not similar in nature and in all those cases he was granted bail, though the quantity of contraband involved is commercial quantity, no contraband was recovered from this petitioner, the entire contraband was recovered from other accused, only based on the confession statement of the other accused, this petitioner was arrayed as accused in this cases, and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for E.C. and NDPS Court Cases, Pudukottai, and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the Additional District and



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Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for E.C. and NDPS

Court Cases, Pudukottai, at 10.30 a.m. and 05.00 p.m., on all working days, until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he/she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he/she is suspected;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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].



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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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To

- 1.The Additional District and Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court for E.C. and NDPS Court Cases, Pudukottai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kundrakudi Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(Crime No.112 of 2024)
- 3.The Superintendent, Central Prison, Madurai.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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