



CRL OP(MD). No.318 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 08.01.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Manikanda Prabhu @ Palace Mani

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By, The Inspector of Police,
Bazaar Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.289 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Poornachandran
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.289 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 06.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with Sections 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act 1985, in Crime No.289 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons were found in illegal possession of 1.500 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court and he is in judicial custody from 06.12.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that there are 6 previous cases pending against the petitioner and the property



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has been recovered. He further submitted that the petitioner is a history sheeter. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the quantity of the contraband is not commercial and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing 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 Special Court for EC and NDPS Act Cases, Pudukottai, 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 Special Court for EC and NDPS Act Cases, Pudukottai daily at



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10.30 a.m., and appear before the respondent police daily at 05.30 p.m., until further orders.

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

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with 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 BNS.

(S S Y J)
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1. The Special Court for EC and NDPS Act Cases,
Pudukottai.
2. The Superintendent, District Prison,
Ramanathapuram.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Bazaar Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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