



CRL OP(MD). No.1786 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 30/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Ananth @ Ananthakumar

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By, The Inspector of Police,
Balamedu Police Station,
Madurai District.
Cr.No.158 of 2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : S. Mahendra Pathy,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

PRAYER :-

C-33AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.158 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 4(1)(c) of TNP(Amendment)Act, 2024, in Crime No.158 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 139 Black Bearl Brandy bottles each 180 ml, 9 Mens Club Brandy bottles each contains 180 ml and 141 Express Brandy Bottles each bottles contains 180 ml in total 289 bottles. 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. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the properties were seized and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall 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 Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left



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thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m, until further orders;

[c]the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d]the petitioner shall not abscond 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 is 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



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

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TO

1. Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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