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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06/02/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Chellapandi

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Sipcot Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
Crime No.31 of 2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Vishnuvardhan,
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime no.31 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 10.01.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 123 of BNS, 2023 and Section 24(1) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, in Crime No.31 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is said to have illegally found in possession of 99 Kgs of banned Tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence 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 10.01.2026. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He would further submit that investigation of the case is pending and hence, he opposed for grant



of bail to the petitioner.

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5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner 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 blood sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thoothukudi 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 file an undertaking affidavit before the concerned Magistrate to the effect that he will not sell the cool lip and banned tobacco



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products.

(c) the petitioner shall appear before the respondent Police daily at 10.00 am until further orders;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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].

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

(S S Y J)
06.02.2026

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1. Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thoothukudi.
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Tuticorin District.
3. The Superintendent, Perurani Prison, Thoothukudi.
4. The Inspector of Police, Sipcot Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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