



CRL OP(MD). No.3325 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE **MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL**

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Mariappan

...Petitioner/Accused No.3
Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW),
Madurai Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai District.
(Crime No.196 of 2025)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Suresh

For Respondent : Mr.B.Nambi Selvan

Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Cr.No. 196 of 2025 on the
file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner /A3, who was arrested and
remanded to judicial custody on 24.08.2025 for

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the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 and 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985, in Crime No.196 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.08.2025 at about 06.30 a.m, the respondent police received the secret information regarding the transportation of Ganja in a auto bearing Registration No.TN 58 V 2709 near Azhagappan Railway Gate, Madurai. Thereafter, the respondent Police arrived at the alleged occurrence at about 07.30 a.m., where the respondent caught A1 to A4 with illegal possession of 22 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c)



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r/w 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 and 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985.

The petitioner is an innocent and he is nothing to do with the alleged offences. He is in judicial custody from 24.08.2025. Therefore prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the accused was found in illegal possession of 22 kgs of Ganja. He would further submit that the petitioner has one previous case, which is similar in nature. He would further submit that the investigation is still pending and hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, considering the fact that the



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quantity of contraband involved in this case is a commercial quantity and he has one previous case, which is similar in nature and further the petitioner has not satisfied the twin condition as per Section 37 of the NDPS Act, hence, this Court is declined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

(P D B J)
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To

1.The Principal Special Court for Trial of
Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act
Cases, Madurai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW),
Madurai Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai District.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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