



CRL OP(MD). No. 5439 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Maria Selvam

...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Manur Police Station
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No. 302 of 2026)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Veerapandi
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Cr.No. 302 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner / Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.02.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 6 and 24(1) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and Section 77 of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 in Crime No. 302 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 25.02.2026, based on the secret information, when the defacto complainant/police were conducting raid, they found that the petitioner was in illegal possession of 555.6 grams of tobacco products. 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. He would further submit that the tobacco products were seized from the petitioner and he has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.02.2026. Therefore, prayed to grant bail for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner is running a petti shop and he is having six previous cases, out of which one case is similar in nature. He would further submit that the investigation is pending. 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 by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offence, and considering the quantity involved in this case and though the petitioner has six previous cases, out of which one case is similar in nature and in all cases, he was already granted bail and also 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



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Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate-V, Tirunelveli and on further conditions that:

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



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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.

(P D B J)
26.03.2026

apd

To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate-V, Tirunelveli
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Manur Police Station
Tirunelveli District.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Palayamkottai.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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