



CRL OP(MD). No.5915 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06.04.2026

PRESENT

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

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Mootai Mani @ Manikandan

...Petitioner/Sole Accused
Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
TMCH Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.148 of 2025)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.K.M.Karunakaran

For Respondent : Mr.B.Nambi Selvan

Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Cr.No. 148 of 2025 on the
file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner / sole accused, who was
arrested and remanded to judicial custody on

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19.03.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985, in Crime No.148 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was in illegal possession of 1.100 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 Section 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985. The petitioner is an innocent and he is nothing to do with the alleged offences. He would further contend that the contraband involved in this case is not a commercial quantity. He is in judicial custody from 19.03.2025. Therefore prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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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 the contraband involved is not a commercial quantity and though the petitioner has



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twenty five previous cases, in all cases the petitioner was granted bail and considering the fact that the investigation is completed and charge sheet laid 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 Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Presiding Officer Special Court for E.C and NDPS Act Cases, Thanjavur, and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the learned Additional District and



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Sessions Judge, Presiding Officer Special Court for E.C and NDPS Act Cases, Thanjavur, on all working days at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which 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



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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.

(P D B J)

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To

- 1.The learned Additional District
and Sessions Judge
Presiding Officer Special Court
E.C and NDPS Act Cases, Thanjavur.
- 2.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Trichy.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
TMCH Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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