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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 21.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP (MD) . No. 7824 of 2026

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...Petitioner/Accused No.3

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Taluk Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.183 of 2026)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner:Mr.R.Muthuram
For Respondent:Mr.B.Nambi Selvan
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-For bail in Crime No.183 of 2026 on the
file of the respondent police.



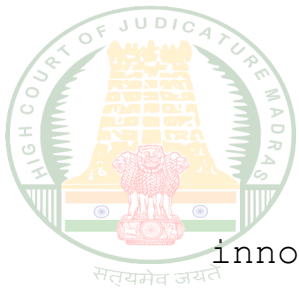
ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner / Accused No.3, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 11.03.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, in Crime No.183 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 10.03.2026 at about 22.00 hours, based on the secret information, when the respondent police was in patrol duty, they found that the petitioner and the other accused were in illegal possession of 5.880 kg of ganja. Hence, the respondent police registered a case against the accused for the aforesaid offences and arrested the petitioner. Hence, this petition.

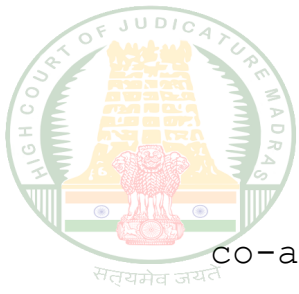
3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is



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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 quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and the co-accused were already released on bail by this Court and no previous case is pending against the petitioner and he has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 11.03.2026. Therefore, prayed to grant bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 5.880 kg of ganja and three previous cases are pending against the petitioner and one case is similar in nature and hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner. However, he fairly conceded that the quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and the



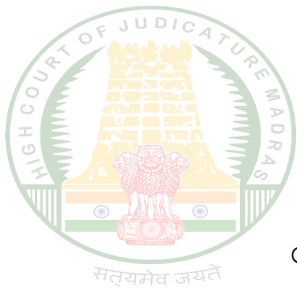
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co-accused were already released on bail by this Court.

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 quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and the co-accused were already released on bail by this Court and though the petitioner has three previous cases, in all cases, he was released on bail, and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 11.03.2026, 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



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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 Principal
Speial Court for NDPS Act Cases, Madurai,
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;



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[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 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 Principal Speial Court for NDPS Act Cases, Madurai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Taluk 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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