



CRL OP(MD). No. 9220 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 24.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Sarathkumar @ Sarath

...Petitioner/Accused No.7

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Arumuganeri Police Station
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No. 119 of 2024)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner :Ms.K.Kavitha
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482
of BNSS

PRAYER :- The Criminal Original Petition is
filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., praying to
grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in
Crime No.119 of 2024 on the file of the
respondent Police.

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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

WEB COPY The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the offence punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b) (ii) (C) and 25 of NDPS Act, in Cr. No.119 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 31.03.2024, at about 11.20 a.m., during routine vehicle check up conducted for the 2024 parliamentary election at Thoothukudi-Thiruchendur Road, the respondent Police found that the petitioner and other accused persons were in illegal possession of 20.600 kgs of Ganja in their car bearing Registration no.TN 23 BC 7603. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner.



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The petitioner is an innocent and he is nothing to do with the alleged offences. Therefore prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that this case was registered as against the petitioner and others for the illegal transportation of 20.600 kgs of Ganja, which are commercial quantity. He would further submit that the petitioner has similar previous cases. Investigation has been completed and charge sheet has also been filed. Hence, he strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

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



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quantity of contraband involved in this case is a commercial quantity and the petitioner has similar previous cases, this Court is declined to grant anticipatory 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 Inspector of Police,
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2.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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