



CRL OP(MD). No.9409 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 13/05/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

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Mohanarangan

... Petitioner/ Accused No.3

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
East Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(In Crime No.158/2026).

... Respondent/ Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No. 158/2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Maheswaran R,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.Ravi,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.04.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) & 20(b) (ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985, in Crime No.158 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 15.04.2026, at about 11.30 a.m, on secret information from the informant that some persons were selling ganja near Royal City Garden, Thanjavur, by parking the car bearing Reg.No.TN-61-R-6635 and two wheelers bearing Reg.Nos.TN-39-CL-3006 and TN-48-AJ-6774, the respondent police went to the place of occurrence, and on search, they found the petitioner and the other accused were in illegal possession of 2.500 kg of ganja. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner has no previous case and the petitioner is in judicial custody from 15.04.2026. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner and other accused were found in illegal possession of 2.500 kg of ganja and the offence is grave in nature and the investigation is at a preliminary stage. Hence, he strongly opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner. However, he fairly conceded that the petitioner has no previous case.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and the petitioner has no previous case and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer, Special Court Under



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Essential Commodities Act, Thanjavur, and on further conditions that :-

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

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

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned 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 is 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



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[(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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TO

1. The Additional District Judge/Presiding Officer,
Special Court Under Essential Commodities Act, Thanjavur,
2. The Inspector of Police,
East Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
3. The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Thanjavur.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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