



CRL OP(MD). No.9656 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/05/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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Rajapandi

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Jaihindpuram Police Station,
Madurai.
Cr.No.197/2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s. Isac Camilus B,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PRAYER :-

C-33AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.
197/2026 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 24(4) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 and 77 of JJ Act, in Crime No.197 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 29.03.2026, when the respondent police was on patrolling duty near Pulipandiyan Street, Jainhindpuram, the petitioner and other accused persons were travelled in a two wheeler bearing Registration No.TN 58 BM 0454 in a suspicious manner, at that time, they found that the petitioner and other accused were in illegal possession of 35 kgs of tobacco products. Hence the case.

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 is ready and willing to abide by any



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conditions which may be imposed by this Court.

Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that the property has been recovered and the investigation is almost completed. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the quantity involved in this case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall 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 Judicial



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Magistrate No.IV, Madurai District, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready 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



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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 [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

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

(R V J)
20.05.2026

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.IV,
Madurai District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Jaihindpuram Police Station,
Madurai.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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R.VIJAYAKUMAR, J

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