



CRL OP(MD), No.9838 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 27/05/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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John Rixon

... Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Town Police Station,
Tirunelveli.
Cr.No.170 of 2026.

... Respondent

PRAYER :-

C-32B. For Bail in Cr.No.170 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Jeyaram Sidharth,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.D.Venkatesh,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner/1st accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.05.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(b)(ii)(B), 25, 29(1) of NDPS Act, 1985 in Crime No.170 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks bail.



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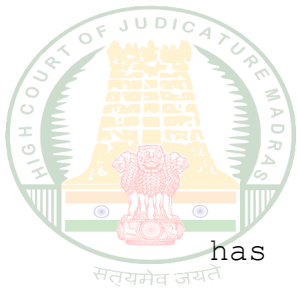
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2.The case of the prosecution is that on 30.04.2026 at about 6.00 a.m., when the respondent Police was making surveillance near the Ulavarsandhai Road, Tirunelveli, a bike bearing registration No.TN 21 BL 7603 was stopped for usual checking and suddenly all the three accused persons tried to escape from the spot and thereafter, the Police officials caught three persons and found 6 kgs of ganja. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he is no way connected with the alleged offences. Hence, he prays to grant of bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petitioner is having one previous case registered under Section 170 of BNS and that from the petitioner, the respondent Police recovered 2 kgs of ganja. Hence, he objects to grant of bail to the petitioner.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the quantity of contraband that



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has been seized by the respondent Police and that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 01.05.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

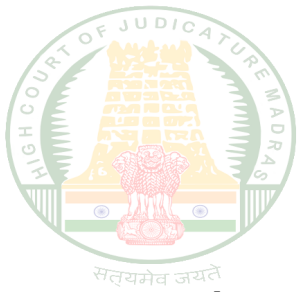
6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Tirunelveli.

(i) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate/concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(ii) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(iii) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness;

(iv) the petitioner shall not abscond during trial;



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(v) 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 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]***;

(vi) If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS, 2023.

27.05.2026

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1. The learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Tirunelveli.
2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Tirunelveli.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Tirunelveli Town Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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