



CRL OP(MD). No.10386 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 09/06/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Thilaga Chandran

... Petitioner/ Accused No.3

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW),
Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District.
In Crime No. 67 of 2026.

... Respondent/ Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 67 of 2026 on the file of the
Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : G.Radhakrishnan,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Amendment Act, 2024 and Section 24 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Amendment Act, 2024, in Crime No.67 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 26.05.2026 at about 11.30 a.m, the respondent police conducted inspection at Thilagar FL-3 bar, they found that the accused were found in illegal possession of TASMAL liquor bottles. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he has no way connected in the above said incident. He would further submit that based on the confession made by the co-accused, the petitioner herein was arrayed as an accused and the co-accused (A1 & A2) were already released on bail and no previous case is pending against the petitioner. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the accused were found in illegal possession of TASMAC liquor bottles and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He would further submit that the co-accused were already released on bail and no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioner, and the quantity involved in this case and this petitioner was arrayed as an accused only based on the confession statement made by the co-accused and already, the co-accused were released on bail and only because of the owner of the bar had license and no previous case is pending against the petitioner and the property was already seized, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be



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released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **Judicial Magistrate Court No.III, Thoothukudi**, 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 Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of 4 weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

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

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the



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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 B.N.S.

09.06.2026

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court No.III, Thoothukudi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing (PEW),
Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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