



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.12496 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25.06.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

CRL OP(MD). No. 12496 of 2026

Sethupandian @ Sethupathi

...Petitioner

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Veeracholan Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
(Crime No.54 of 2026)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Vijayendiran
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.G.Ganesh Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Cr.No. 54 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner / Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.06.2026, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w. 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act and Section 77 of Juvenile Justice Act, in Crime No.



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54 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 08.06.2026, when the respondent police went on inspection, they found that the petitioner along with other accused persons is in possession of 5 grams of ganja with an intention to sell the same near School. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. The quantity involved in this case is not commercial quantity. Hence, he prayed bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (crl. Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the offence are grave in nature. The petitioner along with other accused persons is in possession of 5 grams of ganja with an intention to sell the same to the public. The petitioner has no previous case. Investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard both sides and perused the materials available on



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record.

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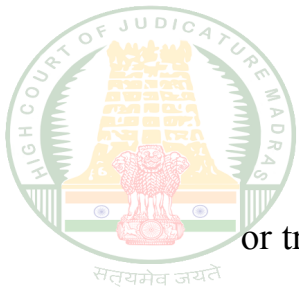
6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, considering the nature of charges levelled against the petitioner, the the quantity involved in this case is not commercial quantity, the petitioner has no previous case and considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to 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 **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchuzhi**, and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of thirty days, thereafter as and when required for interrogation:

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he/she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he/she is suspected;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation



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or trial;

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[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the 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 51730].

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

(P D B J)
25.06.2026

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To

- 1.The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchuzhi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Veeracholan Police Station,
Virudhunagar District. (Crime No.54 of 2026)
- 3.The Superintendent, Sub Jail, Aruppukkottai.



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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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