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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 25187 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011578002026}

Savithiri

..Petitioner/
2nd Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu rep by
The Inspector of Police
Papanasam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No. 404 of 2026)

..Respondent/
Complainant

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 BNSS.

Prayer : For Bail in Crime No.404 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.K.M.Karunakaran,
Advocate

For Respondent(s) :Mr.T.Lenin Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner / second accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.09.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

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Act, 1985, in Crime No.404 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.09.2026, upon receipt of secret information, the respondent police went to the occurrence place where the first accused and the petitioner were found in illegal possession of 6.432 kgs of Ganja. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and that a false case has been foisted against her. He would further submit that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 24.09.2026.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police would submit that 6.432 kgs of Ganja was recovered from the joint possession of the petitioner and the first accused and that the petitioner is not having any previous cases.

5. Considering the above facts and circumstances and also the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 24.09.2026, that the

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contraband seized is of intermediate quantity and that the petitioner is not having any bad antecedents, 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 her 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 Additional Sessions Judge / Presiding Officer, Special Court under Essential Commodities Act, Thanjavur, and on further conditions that:

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

b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of thirty (30) days and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

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 Sessions Judge / Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the

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petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is released on bail by the learned Sessions Judge / 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS, 2023.

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To

1. The Additional Sessions Judge, Special Court under Essential Commodities Act, Thanjavur.

2. Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Thanjavur.

3. The Officer-in-Charge, District Jail, Pudukkottai.

4. The Inspector of Police,
   Papanasam Police Station,
   Thanjavur District.

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

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K.MURALI SHANKAR, J.
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