

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.18891 of 2026

Manoharsing

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Shevapet Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No.55 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.55 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.B.Vasudevan

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 6 and 24(1) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 and



Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, in Crime No.55 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

WEB COPY 2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found in possession of 151 kilograms of banned tobacco products. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 21.06.2026 and is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed.

5. Considering the above facts and circumstances, particularly the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents, and also the fact that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defence, is



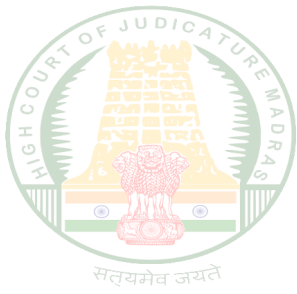
willing to make a non-refundable contribution of a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to any one of the welfare schemes, without prejudice to

his rights.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties, one being a blood relative surety, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Salem, on the petitioner depositing a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as a non-refundable contribution to the credit of 'Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital And Research Institute, Kancheepuram', and producing proof of such deposit before the learned Judicial Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable to the credit of "Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital And Research Institute, Regional Cancer Centre, Chennai Bangalore Highway NH-4, KANCHIPURAM, Vellore - Chennai Road, Karapettai, Tamil Nadu 631552" and to produce the Bank Challan before the concerned Magistrate and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship



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[Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

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

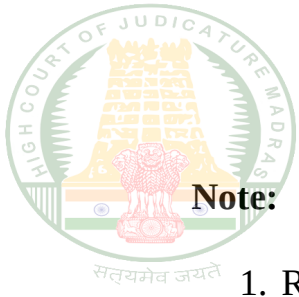
[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]***;

[g] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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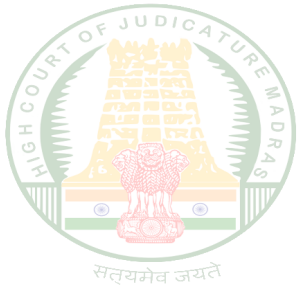
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1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.

2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate No.3, Salem
2. The Superintendent, Salem Central Prison, Salem
3. The Inspector of Police, Shevapet Police Station, Salem District.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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