

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE/PRESIDING OFFICER,
SPECIAL COURT FOR ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT CASES, COIMBATORE.

PRESENT: THIRU C. RAJALINGOM, B.A.B.L.,
ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE / PRESIDING OFFICER,
SPECIAL COURT FOR ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT CASES,
COIMBATORE.

Monday, the 16th day of March, 2026

C.M.P.No.614 of 2026

Praveen (25)
S/o. Rajendran

..... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State, rep. by the Inspector of Police
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore City.
Cr.No. 42/2026

..... Respondent /Complainant

This is a bail application filed on 07.03.2026 u/s. 483 of BNSS, 2023 by Thiru M.Murugesh, Advocate on behalf of the petitioner / accused and Thiru V. Sivakumar, Special Public Prosecutor appeared for the Respondent / Complainant and on hearing both side and on perusing the documents, this court passed the following:

ORDER

The petitioner/accused is in judicial custody from 22.01.2026 for the offence U/s. 8(c) r/w. 20 (b) (ii) (B) and 25 of NDPS Act, 1985.

Precis on the petition:

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submitted that, the petitioner has been remanded to judicial custody on 22.01.2026 for the alleged possession of 1.600 kilograms of Ganja. The petitioner is in judicial custody for the past 54 days.

He is no way connected in this case. He was previously working in ICICI Bank and now searching for a job. He is the only son of his single parent. Previous two bail applications of the petitioner were dismissed by this court in CMP Nos. 374/2026 and 409/2026 on 10.02.2026 and 24.02.2026 respectively and this is the third bail application. The learned counsel for the petitioner further would submitted that, the petitioner is innocent and he is no way involved in this case and he has not committed any offence and he has been falsely implicated in this case and if he will be released on bail, he will not abscond and he is ready to abide any condition to be imposed by this court and considering the period of incarceration, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

Nutshell on the side of prosecution:

3. Per contra, the Learned Special Public prosecutor strongly objected to release the petitioner on bail stating that, the petitioner has been remanded to judicial custody on 22.01.2026 for the alleged possession of 1.600 kilograms of Ganja. Apart from the contraband 10 air-tight plastic covers, which were used for packing Ganja also recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is having one previous case under NDPS Act. The learned Special Public Prosecutor would further submitted that, the investigation of the case is not yet completed and at this stage if the petitioner will be released on bail, he will abscond and it will cause hindrance for the investigation of the case and hence the petition may be dismissed.

4. This Court has considered the rival submissions put-forth by the learned counsel for the petitioner/accused and the learned Special Public Prosecutor and

perused the materials on record.

5. Now the only point which needs to be decided in this petition is, whether the petitioner shall be enlarged on bail?

POINT FOR DISCUSSION:

6. Having considered the submissions on either side. The contention on the side of petitioners is that, the petitioner is in judicial custody for the past 54 days and he is no way connected in this case and this is the third bail application and he is the only son of his single parent and considering the period of custody of the petitioner, he may enlarge on bail. On the other hand, the learned Special Public Prosecutor would contend that, the petitioner is having one previous case under NDPS Act and apart from the contraband 10 air-tight covers also recovered from the petitioner and the investigation of the case is not yet completed and at this stage if the petitioner will be released on bail, he will abscond and it will cause hindrance for the investigation of the case.

7) Considering all the facts and circumstances of the present case and taking into account the period of incarceration of the petitioner and the quantity of the contraband involved in this case and this is the third bail application of the petitioner, this court is inclined to allow this petition. As such this bail petition is allowed.

Result:-

8. In the result, this bail petition is allowed with following conditions.

1. The petitioner/ accused is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/-, with two sureties for a like sum each to the

satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Coimbatore.

2. The petitioner on his release from prison, he shall appear before the respondent police station daily at 10.00 a.m. until further orders. The petitioner is directed to appear before the respondent police station as and when required for interrogation.

3. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond, further the sureties has to produce copy of their Aadhar card or any Identification proof to ensure their identity.

4. The petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature; the petitioner shall not abscond during investigation or trial of the case and the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness during investigation or trial.

5. If the petitioner / Accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

6. Further the petitioner/ Accused shall produce his proof of identification and residential proof and recent photograph.

This order is directly dictated by me and computerized by the Steno-typist on this the 16th day of March, 2026.

ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE/ PRESIDING OFFICER,
SPECIAL COURT FOR EC ACT CASES,
COIMBATORE.