

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
COIMBATORE.**

**Present: Tmt. G. VIJAYA, B.A., M.L., PGDCFS,
PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, COIMBATORE**

Wednesday, this the 11th day of March, 2026

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.930/2026

Santhosh Kumar.V (Age 41 years)

S/o. Venkedasamy.

... Petitioner / Accused

/vs/

State, Rep. by

through the Inspector of Police,

B3 Variety Hall Road Police Station,

Crime No.50/2026.

Offences:u/s.20(1), 7(1) of COTPA and 123 of BNS.

Through the Public Prosecutor, Coimbatore.

... Respondent

(The Judicial Magistrate Court No.5, Coimbatore.)

This petition filed on behalf of the petitioner to release him on bail u/s.483 of BNS.

This petition is coming on this day for final hearing before this Court in the presence of **Tvl. K.R. Kiruba Evanjaline, Rebekha and G. Jeya Kumar**, Advocates for the Petitioners/ Accused and **Thiru. V. Ravichandran, Public Prosecutor**, represented for State, upon perusing the petition submitted and upon hearing both side arguments, this Court pronounced the following:-

ORDER

Heard both side.

The petitioner is the accused in Crime No.50/2026 of B3 Variety Hall Road Police Station, for the alleged offence u/s.20(1), 7(1) of COTPA and 123 of BNS, he has filed this petition, seeking grant of bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 45 kgs and 600 grams of banned tobacco products for selling to general public. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondent police arrested the petitioner only on suspicion and seized 142 packets of tobacco products from the petitioner. The petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case and he never indulged in any such activities as alleged and he is ready to abide any condition and he is in judicial custody for the past 16 days and prays to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

4. Opposing to grant bail to the petitioner, the learned Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner is the supplier of cigarette to shops. In this case, the respondent police seized 45 kgs and 600 grams of banned tobacco products from the petitioner. **Except the present case, the petitioner is involved in another case which is similar in nature.** Investigation is in preliminary stage.

5. After considering the submissions, considering the nature of offence, having regard to the quantum of contraband seized, considering the bad antecedents of the petitioner, as the petitioner has been arrested by the respondent police recently and investigation is in initial stage, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Hence, this petition is dismissed.

This order is dictated to steno-typist, typed by her, corrected and pronounced by me on this 11th day of March, 2026.

PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
COIMBATORE.

CC to :

1. The Judicial Magistrate Court No.5, Coimbatore.
2. The Public Prosecutor, Coimbatore.
3. The Inspector of Police, Variety Hall Road Police Station,
4. Counsel for the Petitioner / Accused.