

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, CHENGALPATTU**

Present : Thiru.T.Chandrasekaran, M.L.,
Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.

Dated: Tuesday, the 09th day of June 2026.

Crl.M.P. No.1522 of 2026
(CNR No. TNCG01-003278-2026)

Gowri Variganji, C/o.Vaiganji Giridhan,
Aged about 48 years

.. Petitioner/Accused.

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The Superintendent of Customs,
R & I Unit, Airport, New Customs House,
Meenambakkam, Chennai.

.. Respondent/Complainant

O.S. No.203 of 2026 & O.S. 18 of 2026.

U/s.20(b)(ii)(A), 23, 28, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985.

This petition for bail coming on this day for hearing before me, M/s.S.Muthu Guru, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/accused and M/s.K.Purushothaman, the learned Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/complainant, upon hearing both sides and upon perusal of case records, this Court made the following

ORDER

This petition is filed U/s.480 and 483 of BNSS 2023, seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

2. The petitioner/accused is facing charges for the alleged offences U/s.20(b)(ii)(A), 23, 28, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985.

3. Notice given to the Special Public Prosecutor for the State and the reply received. Heard both sides. Records are perused.

4. The case of the prosecution is that on 16.04.2026, while the

petitioner has arrived at Anna International Airport, Chennai from Bangkok via Colombo, she was intercepted by the Air Intelligent Unit. Upon personal search of her checked-in baggage, it is found that she was found in possession of 500 grams of Hydroponic Ganja (Marijuana) which the contraband was cleverly concealed inside food packets, thereby the accused had attempted to evade detection by law enforcement authorities. Accordingly, a case in O.S. No.203 of 2026 & O.S. 18 of 2026 was registered on the file of the respondent.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; she was arrested and remanded on 17.04.2026 and he is under judicial custody for the past 54 days; the seized contraband is only 500 grams, which is smaller quantity and the offence is bailable in nature; moreover, the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed upon him and he is ready to offer substantial sureties before the Court and prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. The learned Special Public Prosecutor, on the other hand, vehemently objected to grant bail to the petitioner stating that the case is now on crucial stage and the role of the other accused one Ganga Bhavani Arumagam and other foreign-based associates, is yet to be fully unearthed.

7. It is alleged that the petitioner/accused had unlawfully tried to transport 500 grams of ganja through from abroad. On perusal of the written objection submitted by the prosecution it is their objection that though the quantity seized falls under 'small quantity', the manner of concealment, international travel route and involvement of other persons indicate that the present petitioner/accused is part of a larger drug trafficking network. It is further submitted that the involvement of the other

accused is yet to be unearthed and the investigation is not yet completed. Taking into consideration the gravity of the offence, nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner, the investigation is only at the crucial stage and is not yet completed, the strong objection made by the learned Special Public Prosecutor and also considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. **Accordingly, this petition is dismissed.**

Pronounced by me in open Court, on this the 09th day of June 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.