

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

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

Dated: Friday, the 12th day of June 2026.

Crl.M.P. No.1603 of 2026
(CNR No. TNCG01-003366-2026)

Sonu Muthanu Gupta,
S/o.Mitniprasad Rajram Gupta .. Petitioner/Accused.
//Versus//

The Superintendent of Customs,
RSI Unit, Airport, New Customs House,
Meenambakkam, Chennai. .. Respondent/Complainant
O.S. No.22 of 2026 INT-AIR & 222 of 2026 AIU - D.
U/s.8(c) r/w. 23, 28, 29, Sec.20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act, 1985.

This petition for bail coming on this day for hearing before me, M/s.S.Sathiya Priaya, the learned counel is appearing for the petitioner/accused and M/s.K.Purushothaman, the learned Special Public Prosecutor is 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.8(c) r/w. 23, 28, 29, Sec.20(b)(ii)(A) 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 29.04.2026, while the

petitioner/accused had arrived at Anna International Airport, Chennai from Bangkok by Thai Airways, he was intercepted by the Air Intelligent Unit at Exit of the Arrival Hall. Upon examination of his checked-in baggage, it is found that he was found to contain three plastic containers disguised as hair cream which were used for concealment of contraband. Upon tested the recovered substance, it is found that the petitioner/accused was in possession of 868 grams (net weight) of Hydroponic Ganja/Marijuana, a narcotic drug prohibited under the NDPS Act, 1985. Accordingly, a case in O.S. No.22 of 2026 INT-AIR & 222 OF 2026 AIU - D 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; he was arrested and remanded on 29.04.2026 and he is under judicial custody for the past 45 days; the seized contraband is a 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 foreign supplier one Kevin, intermediary one Arun and the financial transactions and wider drug trafficking network are yet to be ascertained. Hence, he prays for the dismissal of the petition.

7. It is alleged that the petitioner/accused had unlawfully tried to transport 868 grams of Hydroponic Ganja/Marijuana from abroad. On perusal of the written objection submitted by the prosecution it is their

resistance that though the quantity seized falls under 'small quantity', the offence involves illegal import of narcotic drugs into India through an international route, which poses a serious threat to public health and national security. It is further contended that the foreign supplier one Kevin, intermediary one Arun and the financial transactions and wider drug trafficking network are yet to be ascertained. Taking into consideration the gravity of the offence, nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner, the investigation 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 12th day of June 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.