

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

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

Date: Tuesday, the 14th day of July 2026.

Crl.M.P. No.2408 of 2026
(CNR No. TNCG01-004791-2026)

R.Sudheer, aged 44 years, S/o.Ramakrishnan

.. Petitioner/Accused.

//Versus//

State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
T-19, Kelambakkam Police Station,
Cr. No.235 of 2026
U/s.24(1) COTPA Act r/w. Sec.77 of J.J. Act

.. Respondent/Complainant

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

O R D E R

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

2. The petitioner/accused has been charged for the alleged offences U/s.24(1) COTPA Act r/w. Sec.77 of J.J. Act.

3. Notice given to the Public Prosecutor for the State and the reply received. Heard both sides; records perused.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; he was arrested and

remanded on 13.06.2026; the earlier bail application was dismissed by this court in Crl.M.P. No.2176 of 2026 dated 03.07.2026; now the petitioner is in judicial custody for the past 32 days; 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, thereby prayed for enlargement on bail.

5. The learned Public Prosecutor, on the other hand, would submit that the petitioner has used to sell tobacco products in his tea stall and while the respondent police made a search in his shop, he was found in possession of about 15 KG's of tobacco products, which were banned by the government of Tamil Nadu and prays for the dismissal of the petition.

6. It is alleged that the petitioner was found in possession of about 15KG's of banned tobacco products in his tea stall. It is seen the petitioner is in judicial custody for the past 32 days, therefore, substantial portion of investigation ought to have been completed by this time. The petitioner seemed to be the first offender, no previous case is pending against him. Since the witnesses are the police officials, there is no possibility of tampering the witnesses. Taking into consideration the duration of custody, nature of allegations levelled against the petitioner, stage of investigation and also considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. In the result, this petition is allowed; On deposit of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousands only) by the petitioner, before the Mediation Centre, Chengalpattu, the petitioner/accused is ordered to be released on bail on his execution of bond for Rs.10,000/- with two sureties for a like sum to the satisfaction of the District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruporur, with further conditions that:

1. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression (LTI) in the surety bond and the sureties shall produce copy of any identity proof before the learned Magistrate to ensure their identity;
2. The petitioner/accused is directed to report before the respondent police station daily at 10.30 A.M. for 30 days;
3. The petitioner/accused shall not tamper the evidence either during investigation or trial;
4. If there is any breach of conditions, the Investigation Officer shall report to the learned Magistrate and the learned Magistrate shall take appropriate action as if the conditions have been imposed by the Magistrate himself/herself in accordance with the decision in ***AIR 2006 SC 100 - P.K. Shaji Vs State of Kerala.***

Pronounced by me in the open Court, on this the 14th day of July 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.

To

The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Thiruporur.

The Inspector of Police, T-19, Kelambakkam Police Station.

The Superintendent, District Prison, Chengalpattu.