

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

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

Dated: Monday, the 20th day of June 2026.

Crl.M.P. No.2434 of 2026
(CNR No. TNCG01-004857-2026)

A.M.Riyazdeen, aged 58 years,
S/o.Shri Abdul Majeeth,

.. Petitioner/Accused.

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence,
Rep. by the Senior Intelligence Officer,
Chennai Zonal Unit - 27, G.N.Chetty Road,
T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017.

.. Respondent/Complainant

F. No.DRI/CSU/V111/A-Cell/48/ENQ-01/INT-IO/2026

U/s.135 of the Customs Act, 1962.

This petition for bail coming on this day for hearing before me, M/s.A.Rawther Naina Mohamed, the learned counsel is appearing for the petitioner/accused and of M/s.Venkateswaran, 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.135 of the Customs Act, 1962.

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

4. The case of the prosecution is that, on 23.06.2026, based on the specific intelligence, while the DRI Officers intercepted one Raj Bharati and Ajay Kumar of M/s.RIZZ Forex and Travels Pvt. Ltd at Chennai Air Cargo Complex, two consignments containing a total of 650,000 USD were detained under Mahazar dated 23.06.2026. Further third consignment containing a total of 108,500 USD and 35,00,000 Thai Baht was detained under Mahazar dated 24.06.2026. During investigation with the said Raj Bharati and Ajay Kumar, they disclosed that they regularly received foreign currency consignments at Chennai Air Cargo Complex in order to delivery to this petitioner, based on the specific instructinos from one Vijay Khurana. Pursuant to which, the petitioner was summoned thrice and made an enquiry with him. Susbequently, he was arrested. Accordingly, a case in F. No.DRI/CSU/V1111/A-Cell/48/ENQ-01/INT-IO/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; he was arrested and remanded on 26.06.2026 and he is under judicial custody for the past 25 days; the petitioner has no role played in the alleged occurrence, only based on the disclosure statement of the other accused, this petitioner has been implicated in this case; no recovery has been made from the petitioner; already the petitioner has attended the enquiry thrice, hence, further custody of the petitioner for the purpose of investigation is not at all necessary; the real fact behind the case remains that on 23.06.2026 itself the petitioner was apprehended by the respondent in the pretext of enquiry for another case; the petitioner was compelled by the respondent to confess and admit his involvement in this crime, which was not committed by him at any point of

time; 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 in the earlier occasions, consignments contained foreign currencies were unlawfully received by this petitioner, thereby the petitioner has committed offences of smuggling foreign currencies, which was disclosed by the other accused persons. Further, the petitioner - being the recipient of the Foreign currency, a search conducted at the premises of this petitioner at No.16/2, Vengu Street, Egmore, Chennai, which led to recovery of Indian Currency Rs.25,36,000/- along with incriminating evidences in a Classmate note book. In his voluntary statements, he admitted that the foreign currency consignment received by him would be utilized for illicit activities including smuggling of foreign currency out of India and smuggling of gold into India from abroad. In continuation to that, DRI Officers, Bengaluru intercepted one Veerappa Shanmuga Reddy at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru on 25.06.2026 and recovered 1,811.450 grams of foreign-origin gold smuggled into India. In the instant case, the petitioner voluntarily stated that he had given 3 lakhs US dollars to the said Veerappa Shanmuga Reddy for smuggling the gold into India. Moreover, the investigation is at a crucial stage. Based on the information, further investigations are being carried out to identify the large syndicate involved in the illegal export of foreign currency and smuggling of foreign-origin gold. Several leads emerging from the seized notebook, phone records, whatsapp chats and the petitioner's voluntary statement are yet to be investigated. That apart, the

prime accused one Vijay Khurana is still at large. Hence, he prays for the dismissal of the petition.

7. It is alleged that the petitioner/accused conspired with other accused, involved in offence of smuggling USD 7,58,500 and 35 Lakhs Thai Bhat into India. It is the contention of the Special Public Prosecutor that the prime accused is yet to be secured and the investigation is at the crucial stage, not yet completed. The specific contention raised by the prosecution is that if the petitioner is released on bail at this stage, there is likelihood of tampering with evidence, influence witnesses, intimidate co-accused and other associates, destroy the documentary and electronic evidence thereby seriously prejudice the ongoing investigation. Considering the gravity of the offence, role played by the petitioner/accused, investigation seemed to be not yet completed 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 20th day of July 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.