

**IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE No.II, AT
CHENGALPATTU**

Present:- Tmt. S. Sahaana, M.A., M.L., MA.,

Judicial Magistrate No.II, Chengalpattu.

Monday, the 20th day of July 2026

CNR No.TNCG06-002342-2026

CC.No. 625 of 2026

State Represented by
Special Sub Inspector of Police,
Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station.
(Cr. No. 197/2023)

.... Complainant

-vs-

Santhosh, aged about 22 years,
S/o. John Devadoss

.... Accused

This case came up for final hearing on 20.07.2026, in the presence of Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor Grade II for Complainant and M/s. A, Jayaprathap, G. Sakthi, E. Pugazhenthii, G. Kesavan, V. Elavarasan, Learned Counsels for the accused. Upon hearing both side arguments and upon perusing the records and having stood over till this day for the consideration of this Court, this Court delivered the following:-

(As per Circular of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras in ROC.No.814/2020/RG/F1, dated 07.04.2021)

Complaint	State Represented by Special Sub Inspector of Police, Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station. (Cr. No. 197/2023)
Accused	Santhosh, aged about 22 years, S/o. John Devadoss
The period of remand of the accused	07.04.2023
The date of filing of the complaint/final report in the Court	10.04.2026
The date of committal of the case of the Court of Session	NIL
The date of charges was framed as against the accused under section 263 of BNSS.	01.06.2026
Filling of all miscellaneous petitions and their results including the results on the challenge before superior Courts; except	NIL

routine petitions like petitions under section 355 of BNSS.	
Date of Examination in chief and cross-examination of witnesses.	PW. 1 – 09.07.2026 PW. 2 – 16.07.2026 PW. 3 – 16.07.2026
Date of Examination of the accused under section 351(1)(b) of the BNSS	17.07.2026
Date of absconding of an accused and appearance/production, as the case may be;	NIL
Offence	Section 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985
Charges framed	Section 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985
Plea of the Accused	Not guilty
Finding	Accused is found guilty for an offence punishable under Section 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985
Sentence	Accused is convicted under Section 278(2) BNSS and sentenced to pay fine of Rs. 2000/- in default to undergo simple imprisonment of 1 months.

JUDGMENT

1. The accused stands charged in Crime No. 197/2023 for having committed offences punishable u/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985.

2. Brief averment of the Police report:

On 07.04.2023, at 12.00 hours, at Melamaiyur Village, near lake, the accused was in illegal possession of 100 gram ganja with intention to sell it. Subsequently, a complaint was lodged in Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station and a FIR was registered in Cr. No. 197/2023 for offences u/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985 as against Accused.

3. On filing the Final Report U/s.193 BNSS. before this Court, cognizance was taken against the accused and the same was taken on file as CC. No. 625 of 2026, for offences u/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985. The Summon was served to the accused. Subsequent, to the appearance of the accused, copies of relevant prosecution records were furnished as per section 230 of BNSS.

4. On perusal of the material records, this court has considered that a prima facie case was made out against the accused, to proceed further. Hence, the accused was questioned about the substance of accusation for offence punishable u/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985. However, the accused has pleaded innocence and claimed to be tried by this Court as it is a false case foisted against him.

5. On commencement of trial, the prosecution had examined PW.1 to PW.3. Exhibits P.1 to P.3 were marked. MO.1 was marked.

6. The case of the Prosecution case as it was unravelled by the witnesses before this Court is as follows: -

PW. 1 - Thiru. Gangatharan deposed in his evidence that on 07.04.2023, when he was working as Police Constable at Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station. On receiving secret information by Karhikeyan, Special Sub Inspector of Police. The Special Sub Inspecor of Police along with Nagaraj Police Constable and himself proceeded to Melamaiyur Village, the secret informant identified the appeared accused. They enquired the appeared the accused and mentioned to search them. The accused was searched and found 100 gram ganja and the same was seized through seizure mahazar and they signed as witnesses. The 1st signature in the seizure mahazar is his and the seizure mahazar is marked as Ex.P.1. The 100 gram of ganja is marked as MO.1. Then, the accused was arrested and along with seizure mahazar, he proceeded to the station. He was enquired.

PW. 2 - Thiru. Nagaraj deposed in his evidence that on 07.04.2023 at 12.00 PM, he was working as Police Constable at Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station. On receiving secret information by Karthikeyan, Special Sub Inspector of Police. The Sub Inspecor of Police along with Gangatharan, Police Constable and himself proceeded to occurance place, the secret informant identified the accused. They enquired the the appeared accused and mentioned to search him. The accused was searched and found 100 gram ganja and the same was seized through seizure mahazar and they signed as witnesses. The 2nd signature in the Ex.P.1 - seizure mahazar is his. Then, the accused was arrested and along with seizure mahazar, they proceeded to the station. He was enquired.

PW. 3 - Thiru. Venketesan, Sub Inspector of Police, on perusal of records, he deposed in his evidence that on 07.04.2023, at 12 hours, recevied secret information and

Karthikeyan, Special Sub Inspector of Police along with Nagaraj and Gangatharan, Police Constables proceeded to Melamaiyur Village, the secret informant identified the accused. When, they enquired the the appeared accused and mentioned to search to him. The accused was searched and found 100 gram ganja and the same was seized through seizure mahazar. Both the Police constables signed as witnesses. The accused was arrested and proceeded to the Police Station. FIR was registered in Cr.No. 197/2023 U/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985. FIR is marked as Ex.P.2. The Accused was released in station bail. The seized Ganja was produced before the Court through Form 95. Form 95 is marked as Ex.P.3. After completion of the Investigation, the final report has been filed as against the accused.

7. When the accused was questioned on 17.07.2026, U/s. 351(1)(b) of the BNSS, about the incriminating circumstances available against him, he denied the same to be false. Further, mentioned that no evidence on his side.

8. Heard on both sides and perused the material records produced before this Court.

9. Points for determination:

The point for consideration is whether the accused was guilty of offences punishable, U/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985 and whether the prosecution has proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt?

10. Discussion:

The Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor argued that the accused has committed an offence punishable U/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985 and the prosecution proved the case beyond all reasonable doubt, hence accused may be dealt with accordance with law.

11. Per contra, the accused counsel contended that the accused has not committed any offence and the Prosecution has not proved the case beyond all reasonable doubts, accused is innocent, hence, the accused may be acquitted from this case.

12. Heard. Records perused. On perusal of records, it reveals that the case of Prosecution is that on 07.04.2023, at 12.00 hours, at Melamaiyur Village, near lake, the accused was in illegal possession of 100 gram ganja with intention to sell it. Hence, the accused was questioned about the substance of accusation for offence punishable U/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985.

13. On going through the records and the evidence adduced, it reveals that on prosecution side witnesses PW.1 to PW.3 were examined Ex.P1 to Ex.P3 and MO.1 were marked.

14. On going through the evidence, it reveals that PW1 – Thiru. Gangatharan, Police Constable of Chengalpattu Taluk PS was examined and shown as eye witness, he deposed that on 07.04.2023, when he was working as Police Constable at Chengalpattu Taluk Police Station. On receiving secret information by Karthikeyan, Special Sub Inspector of Police. The Special Sub Inspector of Police along with Nagaraj Police Constable and himself proceeded to Melamaiyur Village, the secret informant identified the appeared accused. They enquired the appeared the accused and mentioned to search them. The accused was searched and found 100 gram ganja and the same was seized through seizure mahazar and they signed as witnesses. Further, it reveals that PW2 – Thiru. Nagaraj, Police Constable and PW3 – Venketesan, Sub Inspector of Police of Chengalpattu Taluk PS also deposed and corroborated with the evidence of PW1. FIR is marked as Ex.P.2. On going through the evidence of PW.1 to PW.3 and the records, it reveals that the accused was identified by PW.1, PW.2. On going through Ex.P.1 – Seizure mahazar, it reveals that the 100 gram ganja was seized from the accused. On going through the records, it reveals that since, the PW.1 to PW.3 have deposed about the occurrence in plausible manner and the same has been proved with material records, the prosecution has proved the case beyond all reasonable doubt. Hence, on considering above and in the interest of justice, the accused is found guilty for offences u/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985.

15. In the result, the accused is found guilty and convicted U/s. 255(2) BNSS for offence punishable U/s. 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(A) of NDPS Act 1985 and sentenced to pay fine of Rs.2,000/- in default to undergo simple Imprisonment of 1 Months.

16. The bail bond executed by the accused stands cancelled after the appeal time.

17. The Property MO.1 - 100 gram ganja in P.I.No. 101/2026 is ordered to be destroyed as per procedure contemplated under law.

Dictated to the Typist directly, typed by her, corrected and pronounced by me on this 20th day of July 2026.

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I. List of Prosecution side witnesses:

Prosecution Witness No.	Name of Witness	Description
Pw1	Gangatharan	Seizure Mahazar Witness
Pw2	Nagaraj	Seizure Mahazar Witness
Pw3	Venketesan	Investigation Officer

II. List of Documents on the side of Prosecution:

Exhibit No.	Description of the Exhibit	Proved by/Attested by
Ex.P1	Seizure mahazar	Pw1
Ex.P2	First Information Report	Pw3
Ex.P3	Form 95	Pw3

III. List of Material Objects: 100 gram ganja

IV. Defence side witnesses and Defence side Exhibits: Nil

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