

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE,  
SALEM

Present: Tmt.S.Sumathy, M.L.,  
Principal Sessions Judge,  
Salem.

Tuesday, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.615/2026  
(CNR.No.TNSA010012662026)

and

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.616/2026  
(CNR.No.TNSA010012432026)

**CMP.No.615/2026:**

1) Suresh (39), S/o Ranganathan

2) Arunkumar (36), S/o Kaliappan

3) Chandru (27), S/o Rathinavel

... Petitioners/Accused  
No.1, 3 & 4.

Vs

State by: The Inspector of Police,  
Nangavalli P.S.

Cr.No.50/2026.

... Respondent / Complainant.

**CMP.No.616/2026:**

R.Tamilselvan (28), S/o Ramagounder

... Petitioner/Accused No.5.

Vs

State by: The Inspector of Police,  
Nangavalli P.S.

Cr.No.50/2026.

... Respondent / Complainant.

These petitions are filed on 07.03.2026, 06.03.2026 u/s 483 of BNSS, to grant bail to the petitioners.

These petitions are coming on this day for hearing before me, in the presence of Thiru.P.Sivaraman, Counsel for the petitioners in CMP.No.615/2026 and of Thiru.R.Ranganathan, Counsel for the petitioner in CMP.No.616/2026 and the Public Prosecutor for the respondent in both the petitions, after perusing the averments, this Court delivered the following:

COMMON ORDER

1) Heard both side and records perused. The petitioners are the accused in Cr.No.50/2026 of Nangavalli PS. The petitioners, who were remanded to judicial custody on 26.02.2026 for the alleged offences u/sec.7, 20(1) of COTPA Act, 2003 and sec.275, 123 and 62 of BNS, have come forward with these petitions seeking to release them on bail.

2) The case of the prosecution is that on 25.02.2026 at about 11.00 a.m., when the defacto complainant and his team were in vehicle check up near N. Pazhakkaranur Ettikuttai Muniyappan Temple in Mecheri – Nangavalli Road, the petitioners and another accused are said to have illegally transported banned tobacco products namely 351 kg of Hans and 09 kg of Vimal Pan Masala in Santro car bearing registration No.TN 07 AS 2737 and 182 kg of Hans and 18 kg of Vimal Pan Masala in Bolero pick up vehicle bearing registration No.TN 93 D 3942. Hence this case.

3) The learned Counsel for the petitioners in CMP.No.615/2026 has submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence and they are falsely implicated in this case and the property was already recovered and for the past 13 days, the petitioners are in judicial custody and prayed to enlarge the petitioners on bail.

4) The learned Counsel for the petitioner in CMP.No.616/2026 has submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence and he is falsely implicated in this case; the petitioner is the driver of the vehicle and as per the instruction of his owner he transported the goods in the vehicle, but he has no knowledge about the good transported in the vehicle and for the past 13 days, the petitioner is in judicial custody and prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

5) On the other hand, the learned Public Prosecutor has reiterated the

facts of the case and submitted that the accused illegally transported 565 kg of banned tobacco products in two vehicles; the 1<sup>st</sup> petitioner in CMP.No.615/2026 has already involved in yet another 02 cases similar in nature and the 2<sup>nd</sup> petitioner in that petition has already involved in yet another 03 cases registered under TNP Act; the investigation is in initial stage, hence, he strongly objected to release the petitioners on bail.

6) In the stated circumstances, considering the nature of allegations levelled against the petitioners, the quantity of banned tobacco products involved in the case and the initial stage of investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioners.

7) In the result, both the petitions are dismissed.

Pronounced by me in Open Court, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Principal Sessions Judge,  
Salem.