



IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, THOOTHUKUDI

Present : Tmt.S.Subadevi, B.A.,B.L.,M.B.A.,

Principal Sessions Judge, Thoothukudi

Friday, the 03rd day of July 2026

Cr.M.P.No. 3362/2026

Maharajan (44/2026)

...Petitioner / Accused

S/o. Sounthirapandiyan,

Residing at: 160/19, Kurinchi Nagar 3rd Street,

Kurunji Nagar, Thoothukudi Taluk,

Thoothukudi.

-Vs-

State : The Inspector of Police,

...Respondent / Complainant

Eppodumventran P.S.,

Thoothukudi.

Cr. No.135/2026

Petition u/s.483 BNSS is filed to grant bail to the petitioner.

This Petition has come up for final hearing before this court today, in the presence of Thiru. J. Antony Selva Thilak, Advocate for the petitioner and the Inspector of police, Eppodumvendran P.S. for respondent.

Heard both side.

ORDER

The petitioner is alleged to have committed offences on 24.06.2026 u/s.123 of BNS and Section 24(1) of COTPA 2003. The petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.06.2026.

The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner along with the co-accused were in illegal possession of tobacco products for sale.



The learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that, the petitioner is an innocent and not at all committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and the petitioner is in judicial custody from 24.06.2026 for the past 10 days and this petitioner is only the owner of the shop and nothing was recovered from this petitioner and no previous case against this petitioner and that the petitioner is ready and willing to furnish sufficient sureties for his release on bail and that therefore, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

The Inspector of police, Eppodumvendran police station has appeared before this court and stated that this petitioner is having seven previous cases of similar nature and this petitioner is the main person who has distributed the tobacco products to others.

Considering the nature and gravity of the offence and the criminal antecedents of the petitioner of similar nature, if the petitioner is enlarged on bail, he will involve in similar criminal offences, which would affect the society at large, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

In the result, this petition is hereby dismissed.

Pronounced by me in the Open Court this the 03rd day of July 2026.

Principal Sessions Judge,
Thoothukudi.

To

- The Judicial Magistrate, Ottapidaram.
- The Inspector of Police, Eppodumventran P.S., Thoothukudi.
- The Advocate for the petitioner.

They are requested to download the copy of the order from the official web site of this court only for purpose of furnishing sureties before the concerned court.