

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

**Present: Thiru. S. Gopinathan, B.Sc., B.L.,
II Additional District Judge,
Principal District and Sessions Judge(i/c),
Tiruchirappalli.**

Thursday, the 5th day of March 2026
Cr. M. P. No. 1019/2026

Mohamed Dawood Ibrahim, aged 35/26, S/o. Mohamed Younius ...Petitioner

Vs.

Inspector of Police,
Gandhi Market P.S., Trichy Cr.No. 27/2026 ...Respondent

This petition coming before me for hearing, on this day, in the presence of Thiru. P. Savarimuthu, Public Prosecutor for the State and of advocate Thiru. R. Magendran, for the petitioner and after hearing both sides and considering these necessary materials, this court today passed the following:-

ORDER

It is an application for bail filed u/s.483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

FIR was registered against the three named accused for the offences u/s.123 of BNS r/w 24(1) of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003. The occurrence happened on 08.02.2026. As per reply given by the respondent police, the petitioner is arrayed as A1 in this case. He has been in judicial custody from 09.02.2026 onwards.

According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is an innocent and he has not committed any such offence and the earlier bail application in CrI.M.P.No.855/2026 was dismissed by this court on 23.02.2026 and hence, prays to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

On the other hand, the learned Public Prosecutor contended that totally 69.300 kg of banned tobacco products worth about for a sum of Rs.1,73,250/- were seized by the respondent police from a car which was used by the accused and one previous case of similar nature and another previous case is pending against the petitioner and the investigation is pending and other accused are to be secured and objected to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

Reply received. Both side heard. Records perused. On perusal of records, it is alleged that based on raid, it was found that 231 packets of Hans in five sacks weighing 69.300 kg worth about for a sum of Rs.1,73,250/- in a car. It is reported that there are four accused involved in this case and seized tobacco products are very huge quantity and also, the investigation is at a preliminary stage. Considering the overt act against the petitioner and also, considering nature and gravity of the offence and also, huge quantity of the tobacco products involved in this case and considering the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and no change of circumstance took place after the dismissal of the earlier order passed in this case, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Hence, the application for bail is dismissed.

Pronounced by me, in the open court, on this the 5th day of March 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge(i/c),
Tiruchirappalli.

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1. The Petitioner through petitioner's counsel.
2. The Judicial Magistrate No.V, Tiruchirappalli.
3. The Inspector of Police, Gandhi Market P.S., Tiruchirappalli.