



ITEM NO.68

COURT NO.17

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal(Crl.)No.1513/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-11-2025 in CRLP No. 31868/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

KANNAN & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE REP.BY INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R., IA No. 26968/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM
FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENTDate : 02-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing
today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLIFor Petitioner(s) Mr. Ananda Selvam, Adv.*
Mr. P. Srinivasan, AORFor Respondent(s) Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR
Ms. Arpitha Anna Mathew, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Heard Mr. Ananda Selvam, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel for the State, who appears on advance notice. The petitioners, had moved an anticipatory bail before the High Court apprehending arrest for the crime no.142/2025 registered at Police Station Chennai, PEW,

Tindivanam, District Villupuram, Tamil Nadu, for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(a) & 4(1)(b) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 (hereinafter called 'the 1937 Act') and Sections 4(1)(c) & 4(1)(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024 (hereinafter called 'the 2024 Act') read with Section 14A of the 2024 Act. The case against the petitioners is that there was an alleged recovery of 27 numbers of bottles of IMFL (Mansion House Brandy, 1000 ml each) from the vehicle. On the same day, on health grounds, they were released on bail. However, the petitioners thereafter moved a pre-arrest bail.

2. Today when the matter was taken up, the learned counsel for the State submits that the chargesheet has already been filed and custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required.

3. Considering the submission of the learned counsel for the State, we set aside the order of the High Court which rejected the pre arrest bail to the petitioners and direct as follows-

"In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail in connection with FIR Crime No.142/2025 to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. However, they shall furnish the bail bonds for a sum of Rs.25,000/- each with two sureties in the like amount before the concerned Trial Court."

4. With the above observations, the special leave petition is disposed of.

5. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS
*appearance not given

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)