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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 16540 of 2026

Premalatha
W/o.Gopinath,
No.12, Bharath Nagar,
Annai Violet College Road,
Menambedu, Ambattur,
Chennai-600 053.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Avadi City Police,
Chennai.
Cr.No.114 of 2025.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNS, praying to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest made by the respondent police in Cr.No.114 of 2025 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): M/S. M A Gouthaman

For Respondent(s): Mr.N.Palanivel,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Sections 420, 465, 468 and 471 of IPC** in **Crime No.114 of 2025** on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. There totally 22 victims in this case. The case of the prosecution is that A1 and A2 arranged loan for various persons and on arrangements of loan, the loan amount which was disbursed was transferred to A1 and A2's account and thereby, they have cheated the *de facto* complainant to the tune of Rs.2,94,00,000/-. Hence, a case has been registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an employee in A1 & A2's Firm. He would further submit that the petitioner is innocent and she has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and she has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that she is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions,

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submitted that all the accused, A1, A2, A3, A5 and A6 were already arrested and remanded to judicial custody and later on released on bail. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that this petitioner is suffering from severe physical ailments and she has recently removed her uterus and she is also suffering from chronic disease. In support of his submission, he has also submitted the medical records. It is the further contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that though huge sum of Rs.2,94,00,000/- is allegedly cheated, the amount according to the prosecution transacted to this petitioner's account is only Rs.78,00,000/- and the said amount was again transferred to A1 & A2's account. Apart from that, A1, A2, A3 & A6, who are the prime accused have already been released on bail.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and taking note of the fact that the petitioner, being a woman, is suffering from renal issues as well as uterus issues and has been under medical treatment, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

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7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Poonamallee,** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only),** with **two sureties each,** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety ship (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019]'. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent Police as and when required for interrogation;

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as

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laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560];***

(e) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

8.This Criminal Original Petition is ordered accordingly.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate-1,
Poonamallee.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Avadi City Police, Chennai.

3.The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court.

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