



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 17583 of 2026

Govindaraj
S/o Ravichandiran,
No. 142, South Street,Kadathur Post,
Thengiyathanam,Chinnasalem Taluk,
Kallakurichi District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Kachirapalayam Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
Crime no.7 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent police in Crime no.7 of 2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. V. Gunasekar

For Respondent(s): MS.R.S.INDIRA, GOVT.ADVOCATE
(CRL.SIDE)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Sections 329(4), 298 of BNS, 2023** in **Crime No.7 of 2026** on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that on 05.01.2026, the



petitioner had destroyed the sacred temple idols of Periyannayagi Amman Temple at Kadathur Village. Hence, a case has been registered.

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3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the defacto complainant and he has been falsely implicated in this case. It is submitted that the initial FIR was registered only against unknown persons and subsequently, the petitioner has been implicated in this case. He further submitted that he 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 submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is that he caused damage to the idols of the temple. It is further submitted that the petitioner is having one previous case of similar nature, wherein he had allegedly entered into the very same temple and committed a similar offence. Hence, considering the past conduct of the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate opposed the grant of bail.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), this Court has perused the materials available on record. The allegation against the petitioner is that he caused damage to the idols of the temple. Though the learned counsel



for the petitioner submitted that the FIR was initially registered against unknown persons and the petitioner was subsequently implicated, the fact remains that the petitioner is stated to be involved in a previous case of similar nature relating to the very same temple.

6. Considering the past conduct of the petitioner and the nature of the allegation, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage. Accordingly, the bail application is dismissed.

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To

1 The Inspector of Police
Kachirapalayam Police Station,
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2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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