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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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L.Dhilip

..Petitioner

Vs

State by Inspector of Police
Cyber Crime, Chennai.
Crime No.47 of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in Crime No.47 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police, registered for offences under Section 306, 316(2) read with Section 61(2), of BNS, Section 43, 66, 66B, 66C, read with Section 84B of the Information Technology Act, Sections 51, 63(a), 65, 65A, and 65B of the Copyright Act and Section 6A, 6B read with Section 7(a) of the Cinematograph Act.

For Petitioner:

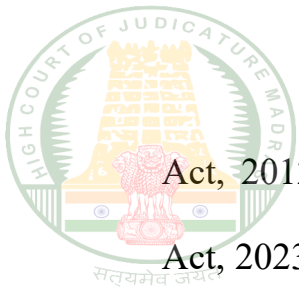
Mr.S.Xavier Felix

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamilnadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 61(2), 306, 316(2), 318(4) of B.N.S, 2023, u/s.43 of Information Technology Act, 2000, Section 66, 66B, 66C, 66D of Information (Amendment) 2008, r/w. Section 51, 63(a) 65A and 65B of the Copyright Act, 1957, u/s.65A, 65B of Copy Right (Amendment)



Act, 2012, r/w. Sec.6AB r/w. Sec.7(1A) of the Cinematograph (Amendment)

Act, 2023 @ u/s.306, 316(2) r/w. Sec.61(2) of B.N.S. 2023 and Sections 43, 66,

66B, 66C r/w. Sec.84B IT (Amendment) 2008 and Sections 51, 63(a), 65, 65A,

65B Copy Right Act and Section 6AB, r/w Section 7(1A) Cinematograph

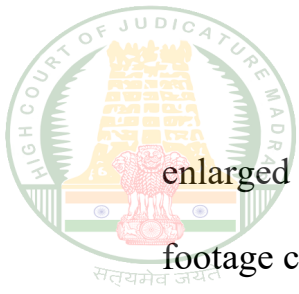
(Amendment), 2023 in Crime No.47 of 2026 on the file of the respondent

police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners/accused persons illegally accessed the film 'Jananayagan', pirated, watched and mass-circulated the same, thereby committing a criminal breach of trust and causing immense financial loss to the production company.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 09.06.2026 and is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. It is further submitted that co-accused were already released on bail in CrI.O.P.No.17250 and 17788 of 2026 dated 22.07.2026. Hence, he prayed for the grant of bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the case of the prosecution and on instructions, submitted that if the petitioner is



enlarged on bail, there is a likelihood of him further circulating the video footage currently available with him.

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5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to not circulate the said video footage.

6. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.

7. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel on both sides and in view of the undertaking given by the learned counsel for the petitioner, as well as taking into account the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner since 09.06.2026 and the fact that the co-accused have already been enlarged on bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.Nos. 17250 and 17788 of 2026 dated 22.07.2026, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the **learned XI Judicial Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai** and subject to the following conditions:



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[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

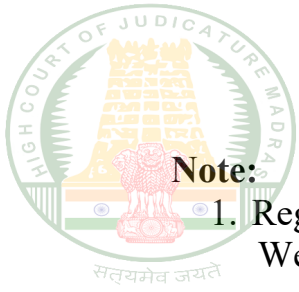
[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]***;

[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
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To

1. The XI Judicial Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai.
2. Sub Jail, Saidapet..
3. The Inspector of Police, Cyber Crime, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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