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Crl.O.P.No.20133 of 2026



THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

Crl.O.P.No.20133 of 2026

1. Mohan
2. Joseph Jegan
3. Daniel Titus Singh

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
C-2 Periyapalayam Police Station, Chennai
Crime No.218 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.218 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 105 and 125(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 r/w Sections 14(1) and 3 of the Casual Labour Act and subsequently altered to Sections 125(a), 105 of BNS r/w Section 3A and Section 14(1) of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and

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Regulation) Act, 1986, in Crime No.218 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

WEB COPY 2. It is the case of the prosecution that there are totally four accused and that the petitioners herein are Accused Nos.1 to 3. The first and second petitioners are the Directors of St. Peter & Paul Sea Food Export Private Limited and the third petitioner is the Manager of St. Peter & Paul Sea Food Export Private Limited. Due to an unfortunate disaster that occurred in the said Company, 18 employees died and 57 were injured. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the occurrence was only an accident and that there was no negligence on their part. It is also his submission that they are cooperating with the investigation and that they surrendered before the respondent police. He further submitted that the first petitioner underwent bypass surgery in the year 2019 and hence, his further custody would deteriorate his health condition. Furthermore, he has also filed affidavits on behalf of the first and second petitioners, undertaking to jointly pay each of the deceased a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- to show their bona fides and that they stand with the victims as well as the deceased's family and the deposit which they undertake to pay is over and above the statutory claim, if any, of the legal heirs of the deceased and the injured victims. In this connection, it is appropriate to extract the affidavits filed on behalf of the first and second petitioners.



4. The affidavit filed by the first petitioner is reproduced hereunder:-

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In

Crl. O.P No. 17764 of 2026

In

Cr. No. 218 of 2026

(on the file of the respondent)

1. Mohan, M/57,
S/O, Muraies,
B7/206, Elaya Mudali Street,
Prince Village, Tondiarpet,
Chennai - 600081
2. Joseph Jegan, M/49,
S/O, Muraies,
New No-10, Old No 21,
West Madha Kovil Street,
Royapuram,
Chennai - 600013
3. Daniel Titus Singh, M/70,
S/O, Rajaratnam,
No. 06, Perungudi, 6th Cross Street,
CBI Colony, Sholinganallur,
Chennai - 600096

....Petitioners/Accused

Vs.

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
C-2, Periyapalayam Police Station,
Chennai.

...Respondent/Complainant

AFFIDAVIT OF MOHAN

I Mohan, S/o, Muraies, Male, aged about 57 years, residing at B7/206, Elaya Mudali Street, Prince Village, Tondiarpet, Chennai - 600081, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows;

1. I state that I am the petitioner herein and one of the directors of the company St. Peter & Paul Sea Food Export Pvt. Ltd and I have also been arrayed as an accused in the case registered in Cr. No.

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CENTRAL PRISON - II
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218 of 2026 for offences u/s 105 and 125(a) of BNS and Sec. 14(1) and 3 of Casual Labour Act as such I am well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case.

2. I state that our company is indulged in the business of exporting sea foods to various countries. Our company was established in the year 2011 by obtaining proper licenses. The license granted by the departments were duly renewed time to time and are still in force. I state that our company is having annual turnover around 300 Crores.

3. I state that on 21.06.2026, there was an accident occurred in our company premises at around 10.40 am due to ammonia leakage from the coolant valve and due to the spread of ammonia gas, the employees present there were all got affected and out of this accident 18 employees were declared dead and 57 employees were injured.

4. I state that at the time of occurrence the employees who were taking rest near the ammonia plant were all got affected and immediately on coming to know about the above occurrence, I went to the spot, assisted the employees in taking them to the hospital and took my best efforts for getting medical treatment for the affected employees. I state that myself along with the other

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director had went to the spot immediately after coming to know about the incident had taken place.

5. I state that the next day of the occurrence, we were arrested and were subjected to judicial custody, our employees had made the necessary arrangements and fulfilled the requirements requested by the government and through our company staffs we have taken steps by spending almost Rs. 49 lakhs through the government and gave proper accommodation to the company employees and we had also taken necessary arrangements for sending our company staffs to their native places and the entire expenses were borne out by the company. I further state that we have also complied all conditions insisted by the government on time-to-time basis.
6. I state that after the alleged incident, the company has been temporarily sealed by the authorities and the ammonia gas was also safely cleared from the storage. I state that due to the above occurrence, 75 employees were hospitalized among them 18 persons were declared dead.
7. I state that in respect of the 18 deceased persons, I am hereby ready and willing to pay Rs. 10 lakh per head totaling Rs. 1,80,00,000/- which I am ready to deposit in court in the crime no. 218 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent

For
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CENTRAL PRISON - II
CHENNAI - 600 065

For
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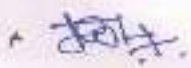
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and further I hereby undertake that the above deposit amount in respect of the deceased individual, the company will not claim or adjust with any of the other future claims that would be made by them. I state that I am making this deposit out of my own volition further in respect of the other 57 injured employees, we are hereby undertaking to comply the condition imposed by this court in this bail petition.

8. I state the I am swearing this affidavit out of my own will and not on any coercion or indue influence.

Hence it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble court may be pleased to record this affidavit and enlarge me on bail in Cr. No. 218 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai
this day of August 2026,
and signed his name in my
presence,


BEFORE ME,


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CENTRAL PRISON - II
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5. The affidavit filed by the second petitioner is reproduced hereunder:-

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...Petitioners/Accused

Vs.

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Chennai.

...Respondent/Complainant

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH JEGAN

I Joseph Jegan, S/O, Muraies, aged about 49 years, residing at New No-10, Old No 21, West Madha Kovil Street, Royapuram, Chennai - 600013, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows;

for
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1,80,00,000/- which I am ready to deposit in court in the crime no. 218 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent and further I hereby undertake that the above deposit amount in respect of the deceased individual, the company will not claim or adjust with any of the other future claims that would be made by them. I state that I am making this deposit out of my own volition further in respect of the other 57 injured employees, we are hereby undertaking to comply the condition imposed by this court in this bail petition.

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Solemnly affirmed at Chennai
this day of August 2026,
and signed his name in my
presence,

BEFORE ME,

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for *[Signature]*
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CENTRAL PRISON - II
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6. The learned counsel for the petitioners further submitted that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed and that they undertake to cooperate with the investigation. He further submitted that the company has the wherewithal to pay the amount and, in this connection, he has also submitted the Balance Certificate of Axis Bank, Anna Nagar, Chennai Branch, pertains to the Company which shows that, as on today, there is a credit of around Rs.26 crores.

7. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that, so far, 18 workers, including 4 minor children, have lost their lives and that 57 injured victims sustained different levels of injuries. Out of the 57 injured victims, all of them have been discharged from the hospital except one victim who is still undergoing treatment; however, she is stable and out of danger. It is the further submission that, so far, they have examined 154 witnesses, including 57 victims, and have also collected 54 documents. He further objected on the ground that the petitioners, being responsible persons, should have conducted safety audits and statutory inspections and that, only because of the safety deficiency, there was an ammonia gas leak, and this incident is one of the biggest disasters of recent times. He has also submitted the list containing the details of the deceased as well as the injured victims.



8. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submission.

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9. Absolutely, this is a big disaster where we have lost 18 innocent lives of young girls; further, there are 57 victims who sustained various degrees of injuries. The particulars of the deceased, including their names, addresses, Aadhaar numbers, the hospitals in which they were treated, the dates of their demise, and other relevant details, have been furnished by the learned Government (CrI.Side). For the sake of ready reference, the same is depicted below in the form of a scanned copy:-

Annexure Deceased List							
S.No.	Name of Deceased	Address	Aadhar No.	Hospital	State	Date of Demise	CONTRACTOR
1	Shrileet	D/o Rishi Juanga, Kencujhar, Odisha - 758302	60518295695	Vels Hospital	Odisha	25.06.2026	SURESH
2	Phulomani Juanga	Kodipasa, Kencujhar, Odisha - 758014	802464001406	Vels Hospital	Odisha	25.06.2026	SURESH
3	Changabasi Juanga	D/o Sudar Chhampel, Reruni, Ghari, Tara Chhampel, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758018	62516629936	Vels Hospital	Odisha	25.06.2026	SURESH
4	Sita Hossain	D/o Gulu Hossain, Jhalaguri, Assam - 784506	229612504295	Stanley Hospital	Assam	22.06.2026	POWUNA
5	Gyaman Juanga (Molali Juanga)	D/o Bina Juanga, Rangamati, Talapda, Telkor, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758019	734036857974	Venkateswara Hospital	Odisha	21.06.2026	SURESH
6	Purnima Juanga (Sulini)	D/o Jadamani Juanga, Odisha - 758014	445845514050			22.06.2026	SURESH
7	Angila Soren	C/o Deepak Soren, Assam - 784505	065534630623	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	Assam	21.06.2026	DIRECT
8	Geetha Juanga	Tangiri, Ralsuan Padkhull, Telkor, Kencujhar, Odisha - 758076	94382190905	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	24.06.2026	SURESH
9	Parbathi Juanga (Jamini Juanga)	Balaniposi, Kuncal, Bolaniposi, Kendujhar town, Odisha - 758014	453358595978	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	22.06.2026	SURESH
10	Subasi Juanga	D/o Balasahi Kuntia, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758026	585030527272	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	Odisha	24.06.2026	SURESH
11	Rita Juanga	Pitambar Juanga, Tangiri, Ralsuan, Telkor, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758076	972011109872	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	25.06.2026	SURESH
12	Sumitra Juanga	D/o, Pihari, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758019	779525176563	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	Odisha	25.06.2026	SURESH
13	Pinki Juanga (Deepanjali Juanga)	Uparhansa, Kodipasa, Kansa, Kodipasa, Kencujhar Town, Odisha - 758014	277099037864	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	26.06.2026	SURESH
14	Sudhakar Naik	D/o Desha Naik, Odisha - 758018	811651452990	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	Odisha	26.06.2026	SURESH
15	Priy Dey	W/o Vikash Bera Choudhary, Jharkhand - 828109	619553373193	Vels Hospital	Jharkhand	27.06.2026	DIRECT
16	Kabir Juanga	Ralsuan, Tangiri, Ralsuan Padkhull, Telkor, Kendujhar	352265262635	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	27.06.2026	SURESH
17	Anjali Juanga	Kharaga Pithagari, Hirichandpur, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758028	67484813489	Stanley Hospital	Odisha	30.06.2026	SURESH
18	Alachi Maharana (Bhimi Juanga)	D/o, Sana & Suganthi, Sarupat, Jharboda, Ghatapani, Odisha	663012220903	Venkateswara Hospital	Odisha	02.07.2026	SURESH



10. The scanned copy of the injured victim who underwent treatment in the Vels Hospital is depicted as follows:-

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VELS HOSPITAL							
S.No.	Name of Injured	Address	Aadhar No.	State	Hospital	Discharged	CONTRACTOR
1	Kanika	W/o. Srinivasan, Kandaswami, Kanchipuram, Odisha-756014	915270435207	Odisha	Vels Hospital	24.06.2026	SURESH
2	Jithu Janga	Jaduvani Janga, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	992604521275	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
3	Jyoti Karmali	W/o. Mahesh Karmali, Mohanpur, Bongaigaon, Assam-781109	948775291151	Assam	Vels Hospital	27.06.2026	POWDERA
4	Debnava Bora	W/o. Ruben Bora, Karmali, Assam-781109	912126080729	Assam	Vels Hospital	27.06.2026	POWDERA
5	Sunil Kumar	Jyoti Karmali, Karmali, Assam-781109	914457280779	Assam	Vels Hospital	01.07.2026	POWDERA
6	Ramita Kumar	W/o. Jithu Kumar, Kandaswami, Kanchipuram, Odisha-756014	941310215720	Assam	Vels Hospital	27.06.2026	POWDERA
7	Sudip Saha	W/o. Hiran Kumar Kandaswami, Assam-781109	944400711277	Assam	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
8	Anura Chatur	Geopriya Chatur, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	91533671024	Odisha	Vels Hospital	09.07.2026	SURESH
9	Ravi Kumar	W/o. Paru Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
10	Kanika Janga	W/o. Kandaswami Janga, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922626-989827	Odisha	Vels Hospital	07.07.2026	SURESH
11	Kanika	W/o. Bhanu Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	912126080729	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
12	Sona Kumar	W/o. Raj Kumar, Kandaswami, Kanchipuram, Odisha-756014	941310215720	Assam	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
13	Kanika Janga	W/o. Kandaswami Janga, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	01.07.2026	SURESH
14	Peta Karmali	W/o. Kandaswami Karmali, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
15	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
16	Sona Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
17	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
18	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
19	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
20	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
21	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
22	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
23	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
24	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
25	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	DIRECT
26	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
27	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	POWDERA
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29	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH
30	Kanika Kumar	W/o. Kandaswami Kumar, Kandaswami, Odisha-756014	922094117141	Odisha	Vels Hospital	25.06.2026	SURESH



11. The scanned copy of the injured victim who underwent treatment in the Venkateswara Hospital is depicted as follows:-

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Venkateswara Hospital							
S.No.	Name of Injured	Address	Aadhar No.	State	Hospital	Charges	CONTRACTOR
1	Chandrasekhar	W/o. John Math, Kalyanampatti Kanchi, Tamil Nadu	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
2	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
3	Chandrasekhar	W/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
4	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
5	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
6	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
7	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
8	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT
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17	Chandrasekhar	D/o. Loko Chetty, Kalyanampatti Kanchi	74872224629	Tamil Nadu	Venkateswara Hospital	25.06.2013	DIRECT



12. The scanned copy of the injured victims who underwent treatment in the Rajiv Gandhi Hospital is depicted as follows:-

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Rajiv Gandhi Hospital							
S.No.	Name of Injured	Address	Aadhar No.	State	Hospital	Discharged	CONTRACTOR
1	Laxmi Juanga	D/o. Sinker Juanga, Kendujhar, Odisha- 758028	984278544603	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	10.07.2026	SURESH
2	Sanju Sarenga	Sakri Sarenga, Odisha- 758038	704563447591	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	10.07.2026	SURESH
3	Sonali Juanga	D/o. Shudra Juanga, Odisha-758028	577668505015	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	10.07.2026	SURESH
4	Belani Nayak	Ghanashyam Nayak, Odisha-758019	458853682361	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	27.06.2026	SURESH
8	Asha Juanga	D/o. Narendra Juanga, Rangamati, Talagada, Telkol, Kendujhar, Odisha	788960881912	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	10.07.2026	SURESH
9	Gurubari Juanga	Sunila Juanga Ravana, Rvenapalasapal, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758080	677958079247	Odisha	Rajiv Gandhi Hospital	10.07.2026	SURESH

13. The scanned copy of the injured victim who underwent treatment in the Stanley Hospital is depicted as follows:-

Stanley Hospital							
S.No.	Name of Injured	Address	Aadhar No.	State	Hospital	Discharged Status	CONTRACTOR
1	Pedrami Juanga	Talagada, Rangamati, Talagada, Odisha	227219920104	Odisha	Stanley Hospital	Discharged	SURESH



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14. While looking into the factual position, the occurrence took place on 21.06.2026 and, from the counter-statement, this Court could see that the respondent has so far examined 154 witnesses, including 57 injured victims. From the above statement, this Court is of the firm view that a substantial portion of the investigation might have been completed. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the occurrence which took place on the fateful day was a mere accident and not on account of any negligence on the part of the petitioners. According to him, the said issue requires a detailed probe and can be established only during the course of trial. Further, the first petitioner has undergone bypass surgery and that the first and second petitioners have also come up with an affidavit to jointly deposit a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- to each one of the deceased victims, as well as further compensation to the injured victims as ordered by this Court. In such view of the above factual position and considering the other attending circumstances, which were discussed hereinabove, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on bail.

15. In such view of the above circumstances, taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners, and the fact that a major portion of the investigation has been



completed, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on bail, subject to the condition that the first and second petitioners shall jointly deposit a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) to the legal heirs of each one of the deceased victims, totalling a sum of Rs.1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Eighty Lakhs only).

16. Considering the duration of the treatment taken by the injured victims, this Court would like to categorise their quantum of compensation into three categories, viz., (i) those who have undergone treatment for a period of less than 5 days, the compensation is Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) each; (ii) those who have undergone treatment for a period of 5 to 10 days, the compensation is Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) each; and (iii) those who have undergone treatment for a period of more than 10 days, Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) each. Therefore, the first and second petitioners shall jointly deposit a sum of Rs.83,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) towards the compensation for 57 injured victims. However, the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruvallur under the guidance of the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai, is directed to coordinate with the respective State Legal Services Authorities for the early disbursal of the amount to the legal heirs of the deceased as well as the injured victims to their respective bank accounts



WEB COPY 17. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai, and subject to the following conditions:

[a] The first and second petitioners shall jointly deposit a sum of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) to each of the deceased victims, totalling a sum of Rs.1,80,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore and Eighty Lakhs only), by way of Demand Draft in favour of the District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai, as per the undertaking given by the first and second petitioners as compensation to the legal heirs of the deceased victims, which amount shall be over and above the other statutory compensation payable to the legal heirs of the deceased victims, if any.

[b] The first and second petitioners shall jointly deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) each to those 23 injured victims who have undergone treatment for less than 5 days, totalling a sum of Rs.23,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs only), and a sum of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand only) each to those 15 injured victims who have undergone treatment for a period of 5 to 10 days, totalling a sum of Rs.22,50,000/-



(Rupees Twenty-Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand only), and a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) each to those 19 injured victims who have undergone treatment for more than 10 days, totalling a sum of Rs.38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs only), totalling a sum of Rs.83,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand only), by way of Demand Draft in favour of the District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai, as per the undertaking given by the first and second petitioners as compensation to the injured victims, which amount shall be over and above the other statutory compensation payable to the injured victims, if any.

[c] On such amount being deposited, the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Tiruvallur under the guidance of the Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai, is directed to coordinate with the respective State Legal Services Authorities for the early disbursement of the amount to the eligible persons as ordered hereinabove within a period of one month from today.

[d] 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;

[e] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;



[f] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[g] the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[h] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners 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]***;

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

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To

1. The learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Uthukottai
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal
3. The Inspector of Police, C-2 Periyapalayam Police Station, Chennai
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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