



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 19862 of 2026

N.Manavalan
S/o.Nagaraj,
No.310, West Street, Palarpatti,
Kulaiyanur, Bodinayakanur,
Theni District, Tamil Nadu-625 515.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. by, The Inspector of Police
State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre,
Cyber Crime Wing,
Ashok Nagar, Chennai-600 083.
Crime No.57 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

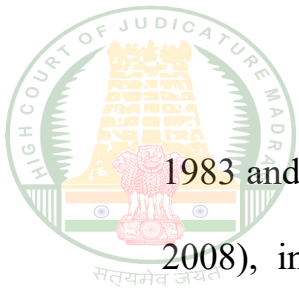
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in Cr.No.57 of
2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, State Cyber Crime Investigation
Centre,Cyber Crime Wing,Ashok Nagar, Chennai-600 083.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.B.Rajesh Khanna

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
24.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 140(4), 143(1)(d), 143(2),
316(2) and 318(2) of BNS, 2023, Sections 10 and 24 of the Emigration Act



1983 and Section 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (as amended in 2008), in Crime No.57 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that is a case of human trafficking. It is alleged that the petitioner, along with other accused, promised to arrange employment for the defacto complainant in Cambodia received a sum of Rs.50,000/- from him, and sent him to Cambodia. Upon reaching Cambodia, the defacto complainant was allegedly compelled to engage in online scam activities. Realising that he had been cheated by the accused, the defacto complainant, with the assistance of the officials of the Indian Embassy returned to India. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted submitted that the petitioner was not originally arrayed as an accused and that he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.06.2026 and that his mother need medical assistance. He further submitted that one of the co-accused has already been released on bail. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) strongly opposed the bail application and submitted that, there are five accused in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A4. According to the investigation, the petitioner is a close associate Madhan/A1, who is running a hotel business in Myanmar under



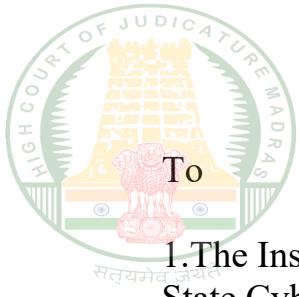
the name “Jallikattu Restaurant”. He further submitted that A1 and the petitioner were sharing the profits of the illegal activities. The learned Government Advocate also submitted that the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 have been invoked against A1. He further submitted that they took a lot of effort to secure the petitioner, as he has permanent residence and is doing business in Myanmar. He further submitted that the investigation is pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. From the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate, it is seen that the petitioner is alleged to be a close associate of the mastermind behind the human trafficking racket, in which each Indian Citizen was allegedly sold for 8,500 US dollars. According to the prosecution, the main accused, Madhan/A1 is running the “Jallikattu Restaurant” in Myanmar and the petitioner is one of its partners. Considering the serious nature of the allegations, the gravity of the offences and the specific role attributed to the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

24-07-2026

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To

1. The Inspector of Police
State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre,
Cyber Crime Wing,
Ashok Nagar, Chennai-600 083.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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