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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

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S/o.Kamalanathan,
No.133, Muthumariyamman Koil Street,
Mettuidaiyampatti Road, N.K.Nagar,
Vellore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Anaicut Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.14 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 connection
with the Crime No.14 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police

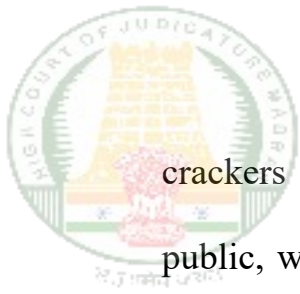
For Petitioner(s): M/s. T.Saravanan

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
20.07.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 270, 288, 353(2), 352 of
BNS, in Crime No.14 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 02.03.2026, during a political
procession and meeting conducted by the petitioner, the party members burst



crackers on the public road, causing traffic obstruction and fear among the public, while the co-accused allegedly made objectionable remarks against the Police Department. Hence, the respondent police registered a case against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 20.07.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is innocent and no way connected with the offence and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has 23 previous cases and he is a history sheeter. Hence, he strongly oppose for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the submissions of the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) it is seen that though the petitioner has 23 previous cases, all of them relate to political activities and the petitioner has been granted bail in all those



cases. Considering the period of incarceration and the nature of the allegations, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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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 each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Vellore** and on further conditions that:

[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 pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]**;



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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Vellore.

2. The Inspector of Police
Anaicut Police Station,
Vellore District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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