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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

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1. Manimegalai
2. Indranath

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Coonoor Town Police Station,
Nilgiris,
Crime No.143 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime
No.143 of 2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, Coonoor Town Police Station,
Nilgiris

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Saravanan P.

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

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
14.07.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 318(4) of BNS, 2023 in
Crime No. 143 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners cheated the defacto complainant on the guise of getting Government job to his son and received a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that petitioners have been incarcerated since 14.07.2026 and they are ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that this is a case of job racketing and the petitioners have cheated a sum of Rs.15,47,000/- altogether from three victims. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), it is seen that this is a case of job racketing and the total amount involved in this case is Rs.15,47,000/-. Now, the petitioners have come forward to deposit 50% of the alleged amount i.e., Rs.7,75,000/- to the respective victims. In such view of the position, considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners since 14.07.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.7,75,000/- (50% of the alleged amount) to three victims proportionately within a period of three weeks from today. On such deposit and payment of proof, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate 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 Court, Coonoor** 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 petitioners shall pay 50% of the total amount i.e.,Rs.7,75,000/- to three victims proportionately within a period of three weeks from today failing which, the bail granted shall stand automatically cancelled.

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

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

[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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];**

[g] 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 Court, Coonoor
2. The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Coimbatore
3. The Inspector of Police
Coonoor Town Police Station,
Nilgiris,
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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