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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.07.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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A.Moorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Thiruporur Police Station,
Chengalpattu..
Crime No.392 of 2024

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.392 of 2024 on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.D.Sugumar

For Respondent : Mr.V.Meganathan
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 108 of BNS Act, in Crime No.392 of 2024, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner is employed in a fire service department as Head Constable. One Kannan was introduced to the petitioner through his friend who is an aged person and he has nobody to take care to provide him shelter and food. Thereafter, feeling pity for him, the petitioner employed the said Kannan to look after his aged mother and paid Rs.200/- apart from shelter and food. Kannan later was demanding higher amount which the petitioner refused. Later, Kannan committed suicide and at that time he had left suicide note. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that petitioner has



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employed the said Kannan and treated him as bonded labour. Kannan has requested some relief and extra money which the petitioner refused. Unable to bear sufferings, he committed suicide. Hence, opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. On perusal of suicide note, it is seen that the grievance of the deceased Kannan is that the petitioner has not paid the salary, but nothing more. In view of the same, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate Cum District Munsif Court, Thiruporur**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate



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concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fails to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

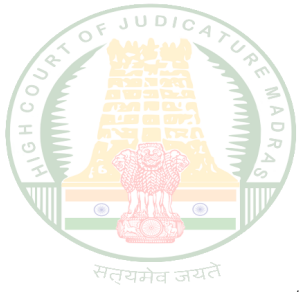
[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of three weeks; thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial and he shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the de facto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;;

[f] the petitioner to give an undertaking that if required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for police custody beyond the first fifteen days, he shall comply to



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the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

[g] 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]**;

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

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To

- 1.Judicial Magistrate Cum District Munsif Court,
Thiruporur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruporur Police Station,

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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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