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Crl.O.P.No.10594 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : **21.05.2025**

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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Sathia Srinivasan Narayanan

... Petitioner

-VS-

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
B5, Harbour Police Station,
Chennai.
(Crime No.6 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the
event of arrest by the respondent police concerned in Crime No.6 of 2025 on the
file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Rajagopalan, Senior Advocate
Assisted by Mr.G.Mohana Krishnan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

For Intervenor : Mr.R.Thirumoorthy



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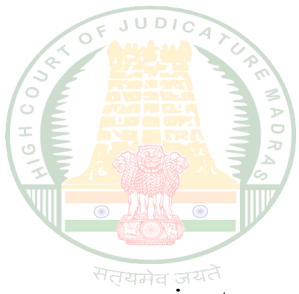
ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 75 of BNS Act, 2023, and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, in Crime No.6 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is an 2nd year MBA student, studying in MGR University, and that, on 10.03.2025 from 1 PM to 3 PM the defacto complainant along with her friends, had gone to Chennai Port, administration block 2nd Floor (EBS Help Desk) to attend classes for their project work, and that, during that time the petitioner had touched the defacto complainant's private area and slightly her hip, which was noticed by all her friends, and that, because of which, the defacto complainant had lodged the complaint against the petitioner. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner had touched the defacto complainant's



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private area and slightly her hip, which was noticed by all her friends. Therefore, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned counsel for the intervenor / defacto complainant would strongly oppose for grant of bail, since the accused has misbehaved with the defacto complainant which amounts to sexual harassment.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, 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 before the *learned VII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town*, 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 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 Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal



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Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the learned VII Metropolitan Magistrate Court, George Town, every Monday to Friday at 10.30 a.m and thereafter report before the respondent every Saturday and Sunday at 10.30 a.m until further orders;

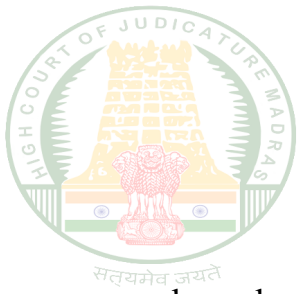
(d) the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police office as and when required;

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

(g) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(h) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner



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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)AIR SCW 5560];

(i) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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Note:

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.”

To

- 1.The learned VII Metropolitan Magistrate Court,
George Town.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
B5, Harbour Police Station,
Chennai.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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