

CrI.O.P.No.11076 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP No. 11076 of 2025

M.Raghul

Petitioner

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
CCB – Central Crime Branch – II,
EDF – III, Vepery, Chennai.
(Cr.No.234 of 2024)

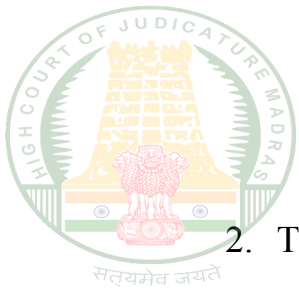
Respondent

For Petitioner: Mr.D.Senthil Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Balaji,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 336(2), 336(3), 337, 340(2), 318(4) r/w 62 of BNS, in Crime No.234 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that in order to secure medical seats through NRI Quota in Centralized Admission Committee (CENTAC), Puducherry, the accused had forged NRI documents such as

- i) NRI Certificate of sponsor from the Embassy/High Commission in the country where the sponsor is working;
- ii) Affidavit proving relationship;
- iii) Sworn Affidavit from the Embassy/High Commission or from a Notary abroad.

3. (i) The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the allegations are false; that the petitioner had nothing to do with the alleged forging of certificates and uploading the same in the website of CENTAC; that he is either an agent or he was running browsing centre for uploading documents given by the students; and that there is nothing on record to show that he had gained monetarily in the alleged transaction.

(ii) The learned counsel further submitted that the main accused have been arrested, and that in any case, the case is borne out by records and



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custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation and sought for anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be required, though the appearance before the respondent police is necessary for investigation.

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

6. Considering the nature of allegations, the submissions on either side, the fact that the similarly placed co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, 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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **Metropolitan**



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Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB Cases, Chennai, 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 conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 5.30 p.m, until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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 released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself



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as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala

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

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To

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2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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