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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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A.Abdul Kareem .. Petitioners in Crl.O.PNo. 14358 of 2025
1.R.Sankara Narayanan
2.K.Nilavarasu .. Petitioners in Crl.O.PNo. 14354_of 2025
Vs.

State rep. by
Inspector of Police
Annamalai Nagar Police Station
Chidambaram, Cuddalore District
Crime No.71 of 2025

... Respondent in both Crl.O.P's.

COMMON PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to enlarge the petitioners on Anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.71 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

In both cases:-

For Petitioner : Mrs.Nalini Chidambaram,
Senior Counsel
for Mr.D.Sundaramoorthy
For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl.side)
For Intervenor : Mr.S.Sankar



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COMMON ORDER

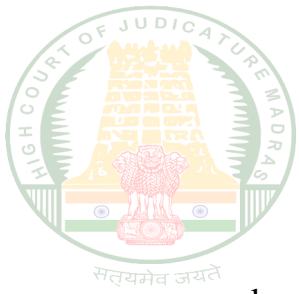
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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 67, 67A, 78(2), 79, 336(2), 351(3) of BNS, 2023 r/w Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 in Crime No.71 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners/A1, A3 & A4 along with A2 had sent the morphed photos of defacto complainant to her Instagram ID and also threatened her that they would circulate the photos to the relatives and friends of the defacto complainant. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He also submitted that A2 in this case has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.OP.No.13964 of 2025 by order dated 21.05/2025. Petitioners are ready to abide any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to furnish sufficient solvent sureties for their release. Hence, the learned counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the



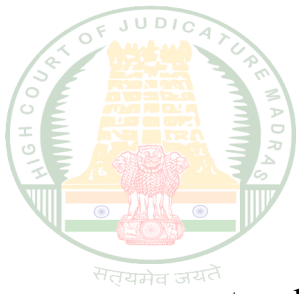
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respondent police submitted that the petitioners threatened the defacto complainant that they will publish her morphed photographs in Instagram and other social media. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either sides, nature of allegation and also considering the fact that co-accused/A2 in this case has been granted anticipatory bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.1, Chidambaram** on condition that each of the petitioners shall



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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, and on proof of payment of deposits, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioners 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 Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent Police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation. The respondent police shall keep in mind that the petitioners are students and accordingly, ensure that their academic schedule is not disrupted and they are allowed to attend their classes.

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police office as and when required;



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[f] the petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the 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)AIR SCW 5560];

[i] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.



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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.1, Chidambaram

2. Inspector of Police

Annamalai Nagar Police Station

Chidambaram, Cuddalore District

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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