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CrI.OP.No.14555 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.05.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CrI.O.P.No.14555 of 2025

Ragavan

... Petitioner(s) /Accused

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Pallikonda Police Station,
Vellore District.
Crime No.62 of 2025

... Respondent(s)/ Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.62 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner(s) : Mr.S.Silambuselvan

For Respondent(s) : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.04.2025, seeking bail in



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Crime No.62 of 2025 registered for the offences under Sections 75(1)(i), 75(2), 78 of BNS 2023 r/w Section 4 of TNPHW Act.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner and the defacto complainant reside in the same village. There has been on going land dispute between them, which has led to frequent quarrels. The defacto complainant has projected the case in such a manner as to allege that while she was returning from the milk society, the petitioner pulled her and attempted to sexually harass her. It is submitted that the alleged incident took place in a public place. However, the respondent police without informing or examining any public witnesses, proceeded to arrest the petitioner straightaway. He also submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned



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Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials available on
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5. Considering the period of incarceration and also taken into account the fact that there exists a dispute between the parties and the alleged occurrence is said to have taken place in a public place, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 **learned Judicial Magistrate (Additional Mahila), Vellore**, 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 petitioner 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 further interrogation;



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[c] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

[d] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the de facto complainant and witnesses;

[e] 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;

[f] 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];

[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 (Additional Mahila),
Vellore
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Vellore.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Pallikonda Police Station,
Vellore District.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court, Chennai.

M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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