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Crl.OP.No.14828 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.05.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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S.Jayashankar

... Petitioner(s) /Accused

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Auroville Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No.146 of 2025

... Respondent(s)/ Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.146 of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For petitioner(s) : Mr.Vinoth Kumar Arumugam

For Respondent(s) : Dr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 118(i) and 351(iii) of BNS, 2023 r/w Section 4 of Women Harassment Act, in Crime No.146 of



2025 seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on account of prior enmity, the petitioner along with the other accused attacked the defacto complainant and abused her in filthy language.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegations are false; and that in any case, custodial interrogation is not required and sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that injured has been discharged from the hospital; and that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.

5. Considering the nature of allegations, the fact that the injured has been discharged from the hospital; the petitioner has no bad antecedents and since, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose



of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vanur, Villupuram District**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), each with two sureties for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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 as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

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

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Auroville Police Station, Villupuram District.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court, Chennai.
3. District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Vanur, Villupuram District.

L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.



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