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Crl. O.P. No.15376 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.05.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Ambedkar S/o. Manikkam

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by -

The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anticorruption Cuddalore Police Station.
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.3 of 2025).

... Respondent

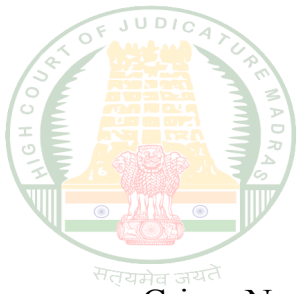
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in
Crime No.3 of 2025, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. S. Kasirajan

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused,
who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 21.04.2025, seeking bail in



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Crime No.3 of 2025 registered for the offences under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner demanded a sum of Rs.2,000/- to fit the Bi-Directional Meter at one Marudhappan's house. Hence the case.

3. The contention of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case as he demanded bribe amount from the defacto complainant, who wanted to install Bi-Directional Meter at one Marudhappan's house. He further contended that the said instrument is not available in the stores supply and the petitioner asked the defacto complainant to purchase the said instrument, which has now been projected as the petitioner demanded bribe. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and further submitted that the petitioner



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demanded Rs.2,000/- from the defacto complainant for fixing the Bi-Directional meter and trap was fixed and the petitioner was caught red handed and he is now suspended from service. He further submitted that investigation has not been completed and hence he opposed for granting bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission made by the learned counsel appearing on either side, nature of offences and the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. 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 **Chief Judicial Magistrate, Cuddalore** 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



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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 2 weeks and thereafter, as and when required for further interrogation;

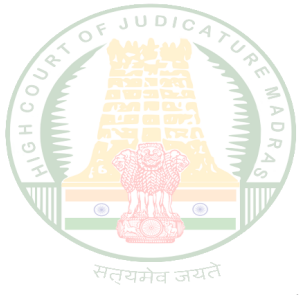
[c] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

[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



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registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1. The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Cuddalore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anticorruption Cuddalore Police Station.
Cuddalore District.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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