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CrI.O.P.No.15902 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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B.Jeganathan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Selaipur Police Station,
Pallikarani District.

(Crime No.197 of 2025)

... Respondent

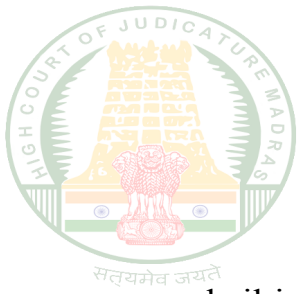
PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in Crime No.197 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Balaji Arunachalam

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (CrI. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent, seeking anticipatory



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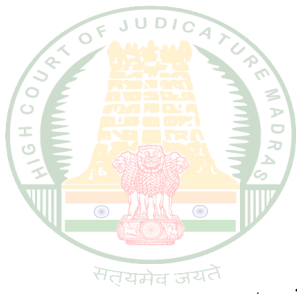
bail in Crime No.197 of 2025 registered for the offence under Section 329 (3) of the BNS Act, 2023, Section 3 (1) (a) of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and Section 10 of the Aircraft Act, 1934.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that an unknown flying drone was spotted within 5kms radius of Air Force Station, Tambaram on 11.05.2025. On enquiry, it was found that the said drone was used for the purpose of the petitioner's son's wedding. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the said drone was operated by the photographer who was arranged by the petitioner for his son's marriage and he has nothing to do with the alleged offence. Hence, he sought for anticipatory bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the



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materials available on record.

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6.Considering the nature of allegations and facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, 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 of receipt of copy of this order, before the **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tambaram**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for 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 said Magistrate, on further conditions 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 as



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and when required for interrogation.

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

[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*** reported in [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

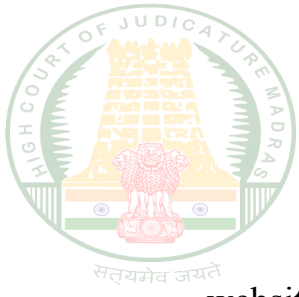
[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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N.SENTHILKUMAR, J.



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