



CrI.O.P.No.16081 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :28.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **K.GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI**

CRL OP NO. 16081 of 2025

Harshawardan, M/22 years
s/o Seetharam

... Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep.by,
The Inspector of Police,
E-1, Mylapore Police Station.
(Crime No.240 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.,
pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in Crime No.240 of 2025 on the file
of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr. C.Srinivasan

For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran

Government Advocate (crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 24.04.2025 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 126(2),
75(1), 79 BNS, r/w Section 4 of TNPHW Act in Crime No.240 of 2025, on
the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, when the de-facto complainant was returning to her house, misbehaved with her and touched her private parts and thereby harassed her. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that due to misunderstanding between the petitioner and the de-facto complainant, the petitioner attacked the de-facto complainant and in view of the same, a false case has been lodged by her against the petitioner. He would further submit that the petitioner was arrested and he is in judicial custody from 24.04.2025 and he is ready to abide by any conditions 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 while opposing to grant bail to the petitioner, reiterated the case of the prosecution. He further submitted that the victim has been treated as an outpatient. He also submitted that no previous case is pending against the petitioner.

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



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6. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel on either side and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, and also considering all others factors, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned

XVIII M.M. Court, Saidapet and on further conditions that:-

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the concerned Magistrate/Judge 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 daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of two months and thereafter, as and when required;

[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;



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[e] 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 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 XVIII M.M. Court, Puzhal, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
E-1, Mylapore Police Station.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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