

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-09-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.OP.NO. 17231 of 2025

and

CrI.M.P.No. 15278 of 2025

Sakthi Chidambaram

Petitioner

Vs

State by,

Rep. By The Inspector of police,
R-5, Virugambakkam Police Station

Chennai – 600 093.

Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, praying to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Crime No. 408 of 2022 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner	: Mr.A.John
For Intervener	: Mr.R.Prabakar
For Respondent	: Mr.S.Udayakumar
	Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

Apprehending arrest in connection with Crime No. 408 of 2022 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 465, 467, 468 and 420 of IPC against the petitioner, the present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he was running a cinema production company in the name and style of “Suri shot studio”. He has approached the de-facto complainant and borrowed a sum of Rs.8,00,000/- for interest to complete his movie project. After several requests made by the de-facto complainant, the petitioner paid a sum of Rs.50,000/- as interest over the past four years. In the meanwhile, he started producing another movie and promised to provide the satellite rights for his movie in order to return the aforesaid amount in the name of “Gemini Labs” and produced a forged document to deceive him. Hence the respondent police registered a case against the petitioner herein.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there was some money transactions between the petitioner and the de-facto

complainant. He further submits that the petitioner had already granted anticipatory bail in Crl.M.P.No. 9721 of 2022, dated 21.06.2022 on the file of Principal Sessions Judge, Chennai and the same was cancelled due to financial constraints on 02.06.2025. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to furnish sufficient solvent sureties for his release. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and submits that the petitioner had forged the signature of the Manager of the “Gemini Labs” and fabricated the documents. Further, the petitioner has not repaid the amount and involved in the act of forgery and fraudulent activities by creating false letterhead and seal of “Gemini Lab”, he himself falsely signed the signature of Manager and thereby committed the act of criminal conspiracy and played a fraud on the de-facto complainant stating that the petitioner is going to get satellite right for the above said film in the name of the de-facto complainant and opposed for

grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.The learned counsel for the Intervener/De-facto complainant submitted that though the petitioner received the amount of Rs.8,00,000/- in the year 2017, after registration of an FIR, the petitioner had already granted anticipatory bail in Crl.M.P.No.9721 of 2022 by order dated 21.06.2022 on the file of Principal Sessions Judge, Chennai. Subsequently, it was cancelled for the non compliance of the earlier order. Therefore, he strongly opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner herein.

6. Heard the learned counsels and perused the materials available on record.

7. It is admitted by both sides that the petitioner had borrowed a sum of Rs.8,00,000/- from the de-facto complainant for producing the film “Jeyikira Kuthira”. It is also admitted that the petitioner has paid a sum of Rs.50,000/- towards the repayment of the loan and he has not paid

the balance amount. The FIR has been registered in the year 2022, so far no action has been taken by the respondent police against the petitioner herein. The transaction taken place between the parties is covered by documents.

8. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on 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 **XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai.** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) with two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:-

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order,

this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] 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

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[d] 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]**;

e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh

FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1. XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai.

2.Rep. By The Inspector of police,
R-5, Virugambakkam Police Station

Chennai – 600 093.

3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

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