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Crl.O.P.No.19379 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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H.Purushothaman

... Petitioner

Vs.

State by

The Inspector of Police,
Kattumannar Kovil Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.129 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in
the event of his arrest, in Crime No.129 of 2025, on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Parthibhan

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Additional Public Prosecutor



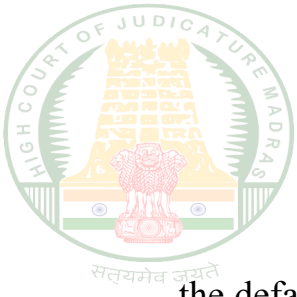
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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 76, 78, 351(3) and 308(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 67(a) of IT Act r/w 3 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 1998, in Crime No.129 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant saw the petitioner's profile on a Tamil Matrimonial site and got impressed and thereafter, the defacto complainant reached out him through the same platform and gave consent for a potential marriage alliance. Both the parties mutually agreed to proceed with the alliance and followed by the engagement ceremony which took place according to Hindu Rituals on 23.02.2025 at Noor Mahal, Lalpettai, Cuddalore. Later, the petitioner came to know that



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the defacto complainant had got previous love affair and decided to terminate the marriage proposal. Hence, the case.

3. The contention of the petitioner is that now the petitioner had been hearing some stories about the defacto complainant. Hence, he had been resisting to go along with the marriage. The petitioner has already handed over his laptop and phone. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and a false case has been foisted against the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, prayed for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police while opposing for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case.



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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the submissions made on either side, it is seen that the petitioner and defacto complainant were in love with each other and engagement was conducted and marriage was fixed. In the meanwhile, they had also exchange their e-mail ID and password and, they have been in regular touch with each other. Further, video call has been regularly made and pictures have been recorded. Thereafter, the petitioner is said to have threatened her that he will circulate and upload the photographs and videos in social media and demanded Rs.7 lakhs. In view of the same, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



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7. 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 Judicial Magistrate, Kattumannarkovil, Cuddalore**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioner fails to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;



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

[d] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by the respondent as and when required;

[f] 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;

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

[h] 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];



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[i] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To:

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3.The Public Prosecutor,
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