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Crl.O.P.No.18321 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.07.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Saranraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Station House Officer,
Nettapakkam Police Station.
Puducherry.
(Crime No.59 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.59
of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Anbazhagan

For Respondent : Mr.K.S.Mohandoss
Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
28.05.2025 in connection with Crime No.59 of 2025 registered for the offences
punishable under Section 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act,
2012, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused had committed aggravated penetrative sexual assault on the minor victim girl. Hence the case.

3. The contention of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner and the victim girl were in love and the petitioner, aged about 20 years, without understanding the consequences had committed the aforesaid offence and their relationship is consensual. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail.

4. Learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for granting bail to the petitioner. He further submitted that the statement has been recorded from the victim girl under Section 183 BNSS and the case is under investigation and yet to receive the FSL Report .

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the victim's statement under Section 183 BNSS.

6. It is seen that the victim girl, in her earlier statement, did not mention the threat allegedly made by the petitioner's parents or the offer of money, whereas, later, she had deposed the same. However, in both statements, she



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mentioned her love affair with the petitioner.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the submission made by the learned counsel appearing on either side and taking note of the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and considering the statement given by the minor victim girl, 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 **Fast Track Court exclusive to deal with offences under the POCSO Act, Puducherry**, 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 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., until filing of the charge sheet and thereafter, appear before the trial Court on all hearing dates, without fail;

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



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[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 registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

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deal with offences under the POCSO Act,
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Puducherry.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Kalappattu, Puducherry.
4. The Public Prosecutor (Puducherry),
High Court of Madras.



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M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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