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Crl.O.P.No.19398 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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M.Ashok

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

The State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Jolarpettai Police Station,
Thirupattur District.
Crime No.191 of 2025

... Respondent/Complainant

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 arrest in Crime No.191 of 2025, on the file of the respondent
Police.6

For Petitioner : Mr.Vetrivel Bhaskaran

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Criminal.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 69, 74, 76, 77, 115(2) & 351(3) of BNS, 2023 r/w 66E, 67, 67A IT Act, in Crime No.191 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that one Santhi who is a single woman separated from her husband and living along with her two children had preferred a complaint stating that the accused herein, on the pretext of false promise of marriage had indulged in physical relationship with the defacto complainant and threatened her that he will post the intimate photos in online platforms. Hence, the case.



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3. 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 Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case.

5.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.



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6. It is seen that the petitioner and the defacto complainant had intimate relationship. The petitioner is an unmarried person and the defacto complainant is a married woman having two children. Now she was insisting for marriage with the petitioner. The petitioner is ready to appear before the respondent police to produce the electronic evidence and also give explanation for the allegation. In view of the same, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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-I, Thirupattur**, 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;

[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;



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[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];

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

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To:

1.The Judicial Magistrate-I, Thirupattur.

2.The Inspector of Police,
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3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court Madras.



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