



Crl.O.P.No.19578 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Karaikal District.
Crime No.08 of 2025

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.08 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.U.Kathiravan
For Respondent : Mr.K.S.Mohandass
Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)



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ORDER

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The petitioner herein apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 201, 34, 420, 468, 477(A) of IPC read with Section 13(2), 13(a)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act in Crime No.08 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that during the tenure of the petitioner as Block Development Officer at Karaikal, the scheme named Swatch Bharat Mission was launched in her jurisdictional areas for the IHHLS Work, for which, the Central Government and the State Government had contributed Rs.12,000/- and Rs.8,000/- respectively for a total of Rs.20,000/-. The total number of IHHLS allotted to Karaikal Block is 10,592, out of that, 7,351 latrines were completed and the amount was distributed to the beneficiaries. The total amount paid to the beneficiaries after completion of work is Rs.3,04,95,000/- but Rs.38,375,500/- was disbursed and consequently, there was an misappropriation of funds to the extent of Rs.78,80,500/-. Hence, the case.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner had misused the cheque leaves and misappropriated the Government money to the tune of Rs.78,80,500/-. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the gravity of the offence committed by the petitioner and so far no amount has been recovered and it needs detailed investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original petition is dismissed.

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T.V.THAMILSELVI, J.

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To

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

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