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Crl.O.P.No.21098 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 31.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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Panneer

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Ponneri Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.

Crime No.257 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.257 of 2025 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.M.Rahamath Ali

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinothraja

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on
01.07.2025, for the offence punishable under Section 194 (3) BNSS altered
to Section 108 of BNS in Crime No.257 of 2025, registered on the file of the
respondent, seeks bail.



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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is the husband of the deceased. He got married to the deceased Lokeshwari on 27.06.2025. On 30.06.2025, the couple visited the parental home of the deceased, where she committed suicide by hanging in the bathroom. There were allegations of demand of Air conditioner and gold jewel by the in-laws. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is aged about 37 years. There was no demand of dowry since the petitioner had also crossed his prime age of marriage. It is his submission that three months prior to the marriage, the victim had gone missing and the victim's father had given a complaint and later it was closed in CSR stage. The suicide was committed by the victim for her own reasons and the petitioner is not the reason for her suicide. The petitioner is in judicial custody from 01.07.2025 and hence, further custody of the petitioner is not required. He further submitted that co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.20134 of 2025 on 17.07.2025. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that co-accused has already been granted bail and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on her 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and
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[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 daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of three weeks; thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

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

[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]**;



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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR
can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Note :

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I
Ponneri.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Ponneri Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

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4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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