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Crl.O.P.No.22473 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Dr.JUSTICE **G.JAYACHANDRAN**

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1.Mariya Josephine Rani @ Mary Josephine Rani
2.Palraj @ Balraj

... Petitioners

Vs.

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
B-6, Mappedu Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.
(Cr.No.164 of 2025)

... Respondent

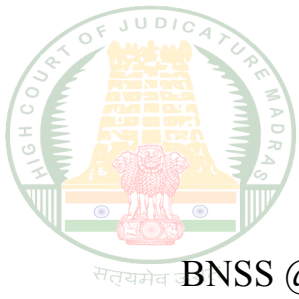
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail pending
investigation in Crime No.164 of 2025 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Sarath Kumar

For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial
custody on 16.07.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 194(1) of



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BNSS @ 108 of BNS in Crime No.164 of 2025, registered on the file of the
respondent, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that one Manjula committed suicide on 15.07.2025 by hanging. Prior to committing suicide, she sent a WhatsApp message implicating her in-laws. From the said message, it appears that the husband of the deceased Manjula had died two months earlier i.e., on 15.05.2025 and for his death, her in-laws were accusing her, which caused mental agony. Based on the WhatsApp message, the petitioners were arrested on 16.07.2025.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and have not abetted Manjula to commit suicide. It was her own mental condition, arising out of the loss of her husband and financial crises, led to the incident and no offence as alleged by the prosecution has been committed by the petitioners. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioners.



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

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

6. Considering the suicide note and the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, this Court finds that the judicial custody of the petitioners is not necessary in this case. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tiruvallur** 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



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Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., until further orders;

[c] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]**;

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

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Tiruvallur,
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
B-6, Mappedu Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.
- 3.Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Chennai.
- 4.Central Prison-II, Puzhal, Chennai.
- 5.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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