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Crl.O.P.No.27644 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.27644 of 2025

Poomani

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Keezhakuppam Police Station,
Kallakurichi.
(Crime No.181 of 2025)

... Respondent

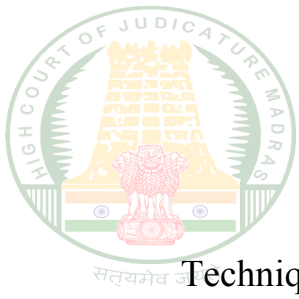
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in
Crime No.181 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : M/s.S.Nadhiya

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody
on 04.09.2025, for the offence punishable under Sections 381(2) & 49 of
BNS r/w Section 23(1) of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic



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Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act and r/w Sections 34 & 54 of the National Medical Commission Act, in Crime No.181 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, who is not a qualified medical practitioner and does not possess any valid medical degree recognized by the Government of Tamil Nadu or the Medical Council of India, had conducted ultrasound scans for determining the sex of the foetus and collected amounts ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/- for such determination. It is further alleged that the petitioner acted as a mediator by brining pregnant women for such illegal testing. Hence, the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the overt act attributed to the petitioner is solely based on confession of other accused, and that she was not present at the scene of occurrence. She further submitted that one of the co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.27090 of 2025 dated 03.10.2025, and the petitioner has been in custody since 04.09.2025. Hence, she prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail, reiterating the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally nine accused in this case, and the petitioner is ranked as A8. He further submitted that the petitioner has a previous case of similar nature.

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

6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the fact that the petitioner is a woman, and taking into account the period of incarceration, and co-accused already released on bail, 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 his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Kallakurichi**, 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;



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police for a period of two weeks, and 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]**;

[g] 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, Kallakurichi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Keezhakuppam Police Station,
Kallakurichi.
- 3.The Villupuram Prison, Villupuram.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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