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CRL OP Nos. 28648, 28228 &
27818 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL OP Nos. 28648, 28228 & 27818 of 2025

1.UKKIRAVEL

S/o.Ramalingam, Keezhakollai Village, Petitioner in CrI.O.P.No.28648 of 2025
Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District

1.Kalaiselvan

S/o.Velmurugan, No.18,B,
Cuddlore Main Road
Puthukuraipettai Cuddlore
Tamil Nadu 606003.

Petitioner in
CrI.O.P.No.28228 of 2025

1. Arunkumar

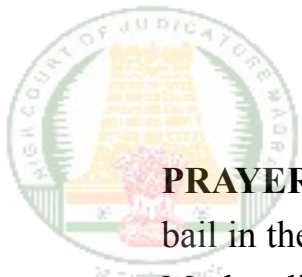
Ravichandiran, No. 938/1, KattugudalurPetitioner in CrI.O.P.No.27818 of 2025
Post, Semmankuppam, Cuddalore
District.

Vs

State rep by the Inspector of Police
Muthandikuppam Police station,
Cuddalore District Cr.No.174 of 2025

Respondent(s) in all
CrI.O.P.s

PRAYER in CrI.O.P.No.28648 of 2025: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection with Crime No.174 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



PRAYER in Crl.O.P.Nos.28228 & 27818 of 2025: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest concern in Crime No.174 of 2025 on the file of the Muthandikuppam Police Station, Cuddalore. On such terms and conditions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper.

For Petitioner(s): in Mr.G.Balaji
Crl.O.P.No.28648/20

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For Petitioner(s):in Mr.S.Mohanraj
Crl.O.P.No.28228 of
2025

For Petitioner(s):in Mr.V.C.Janardhanan for
Crl.O.P.No.27818/20 Mr.Prabakaran .C
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For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Gopinath
in all Crl.O.Ps. Government Advocate(Crl.Side)

COMMON ORDER

The petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.28648 of 2025, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.09.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 111(4), 303(2), 316(2), 316(5), 318(4), 338, 340(2), 61(2) of BNS, 2023, read with sections 43, 43(A), 66(C) and 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, in Crime No.174 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The petitioners in Crl.O.P.Nos.28228 & 27818 of 2025, apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 111(4), 303(2), 316(2), 316(5),



318(4), 338, 340(2), 61(2) of BNS, 2023, read with sections 43, 43(A), 66(C)

and 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, in Crime No.174 of 2025,

on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

3. The case of the prosecution is that while investigating a petition in CSR.No.944 of 2025, dated 11.09.2025, a statement was recorded from one Ashok Kumar, revealing several facts related to the misuse of accounts of various persons involved in online trading. 20 individuals were named for their involvement in this online scam, and diversion funds from persons dealing with online trading without their knowledge. A separate complaint was registered, and the investigation has proceeded. So far, A3 to A5 have been arrested and the investigation has revealed that all the petitioners were involved in transferring funds from one account to another for the purpose of siphoning off money from various investors, amounting to Rs.2.49 crores.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/A2 in Crl.O.P.No.27818 of 2025 submitted that the police registered a suo motu complaint, and so far, no individual investor in online trading has come forward to lodge a complaint against these petitioners. He further submitted that it is alleged that some of the



petitioners accessed online trading accounts of dead persons and took away money, which was shared among themselves. However, the counsel argued that the allegation itself is not valid since the online trading was carried out by individuals, and if any money was swindled, they would have lodged a complaint immediately. Since no complaint has been lodged, it is a false complaint. Hence, he prayed for grant anticipatory bail.

5. The other counsel appearing for petitioners/A1 & A5 also made similar submissions and prayed grant of anticipatory bail and bail respectively.

6. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reported that the investigation in this case is pending and so far, they have identified 7 persons' accounts and recovered sum of Rs.49 lakhs. He further submitted that various bank accounts have been utilized for transferring funds from one Zerodha fake online trading account. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail and anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

7. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.



8. Considering the fact that some of the amount has already been recovered from arrested accused and the case has been registered based on a suo moto complaint and though so far, no private individual has come forward with allegations that huge amounts have been swindled by the petitioners from the various accounts including dead persons accounts, I am of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is required in this matter. Hence, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners in Crl.O.P.Nos.28228 and 27818 of 2025.

9. As far as A5 in Crl.O.P.No.28648 of 2025 is concerned, since he was arrested on 13.09.2025 and has been in prison since then, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

10. Accordingly, the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.28648 of 2025 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-I, Panruti*, and on further conditions that:-



[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb

Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book 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 and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] 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];



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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate-I, Panruti.
2. State rep by the Inspector of Police
Muthandikuppam Police station,
Cuddalore District Cr.No.174 of 2025
3. The Superintendent of Police,
Central Prison, Cuddalore.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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