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Crl.O.P.No.2902



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.29023 of 2025

Varadarajan

... Petitioner

-Vs-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
South Zone, Chennai.
(Crime No.28 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS Act, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.28 of 2025 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.V.Rohith
For Respondent : Mr.E.Raj Thilak
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.10.2025, for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 296, 192, 196, 353(2) of BNS and 67 of the IT Act, 2000 in Crime No.28 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he made certain defamatory statements against a sitting Judge of the Hon'ble High Court in a video posted on social media i.e., https://x.com/nmkparty/status/1974112654433415489?t=paPm_3VHslcyUkZnXcOLtg&s=08. It is alleged that the video contained derogatory remarks against the sitting Judge and was subsequently uploaded to a You-tube channel. Based on this, the police registered an FIR and arrested the petitioner. Hence, the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had made certain comments and that it was not intentional or intended to undermine the authority of the Court, but were made within the legal limits while expressing his views on the order passed. He further submitted that the petitioner is willing to voluntarily remove the video content. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 03.10.2025. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and upon instructions, reported that the petitioner is ranked as A15. He further submitted that an FIR has been registered regarding the defamatory and false informations spread by various persons through on-line portals and you tube channels. He further submitted that considering the seriousness of the allegations, the petitioner was arrested



after verification of the material evidence, and the investigation is still in progress. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

WEB COPY 5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. On perusing the FIR and other materials, it is revealed that the petitioner had made defamatory statements and false comments on his you-tube channel and various online portals and hence, the petitioner was arrested. Further, the petitioner has expressed his willingness to remove the content/videos uploaded by him and further considering the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

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, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai*, 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 two weeks and



thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during

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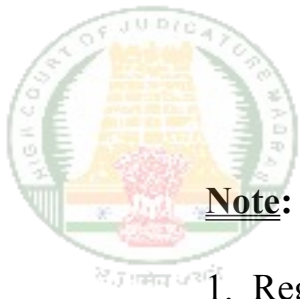
[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[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];

[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 XI Metropolitan Magistrate,
Saidapet, Chennai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
South Zone, Chennai.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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