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CRL OP No. 35864 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1. Ta.Devaraj

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police Vigilance and
Anti Corruption, Ranipet
Crime No.05/2025

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

To pass an order enlarging the Petitioner/accused on Bail in connection with Crime No.05 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent Police Vigilance and Anti Corruption police Station, Ranipet and to pass such further or other orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Janarthanan J

For Respondent(s): Mr. S. Vinoth Kumar
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner / Accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Section 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in Cr. No.5 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, being a public servant, working as an Accountant at the Municipality Office, Walajahpet, Ranipet, received a sum of Rs.5,000/- as illegal gratification to process the pay selection grade arrear bill of a sanitary worker, viz., Tmt. Errammal, who is the mother of the defacto complainant. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner for the offences punishable under Section 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.12.2025. In fact, the petitioner is an innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Therefore, prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) would submit that the petitioner received a sum of Rs.5,000/- as illegal gratification to process the pay selection grade arrear bill of a sanitary worker, viz., Tmt. Errammal, who is the mother of the defacto complainant and was arrested on 05.12.2025. The petitioner has no previous case, however, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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



6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, and considering the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and since the allegations are borne out by records and thereby no occasion of tampering the witness, and the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner since 05.12.2025, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute 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 **Principal District and Sessions Court, Ranipet** and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the Principal District and Sessions Court, Ranipet on all working days at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which she is suspected;

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

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to



dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.2023.

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To

1. The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police Vigilance and
Anti Corruption, Ranipet Crime
No.05/2025

2. The Public Prosecutor, Madras High
Court, Chennai.

3. The Principal District and Sessions
Court, Ranipet.

4. Central Prison, Vellore.



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