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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.03.2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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G.Lakshmi Narayanan

... Petitioner / Accused

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Thatchanallur Police Station,
Tirunelveli City.
(Crime No.8 of 2025)

... Respondent / Complainant

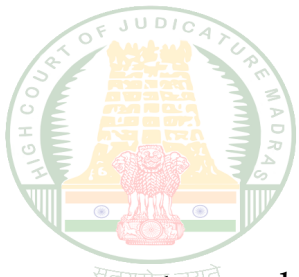
PRAYER :- The Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in Crime No.8 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Narayanakumar,
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 21.02.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to



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grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

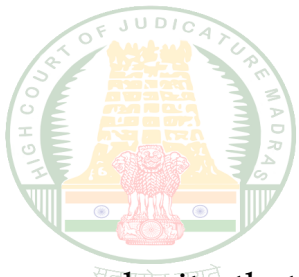
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2. The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 351(3) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.8 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant wanted to purchase the game centre and hence paid an advance amount of Rs.3.5 lakhs to the accused persons. Subsequently, the defacto complainant was asked to pay a sum of Rs.19,50,000/- as balance consideration. This amount was also taken by the accused persons. However neither the game centre was sold nor the amount was repaid back. There are totally one named accused and three unnamed accused persons in this case.

4. Mr.K.P.Narayanakumar, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prays to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. Per contra, Mr.R.Meenakshi Sundaram, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there was a money dispute between the accused persons and the defacto complainant. He further



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submits that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary in this case. He further contends that if the petitioner is released on pre-arrest bail, he will cause threat to the defacto complainant. He therefore prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society. Hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the nature of the offence alleged against the petitioner and taking note of the fact that there are no previous cases against the petitioner and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Tirunelveli, within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Tirunelveli.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the



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Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the respondent-police as and when required for interrogation.

(iv) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

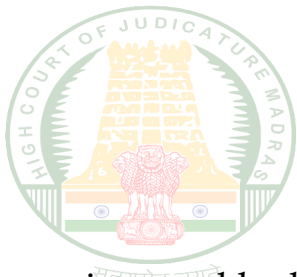
(v) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

(vi) The petitioner shall also not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence.

(vii) The petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

(viii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the concerned Magistrate.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court, as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are



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imposed by him as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283].

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated supra.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (CS-I/II/III/IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.IV
TIRUNELVELI.
2. DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUNELVELI.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THATCHANALLUR POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI CITY.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER IN
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