



CRL OP(MD). No.16415 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26.09.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Rukmanganathan

... Petitioner/ Sole Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
DCB Police Station,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.19 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Vadivel

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.19 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.08.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) of BNS, in Crime No.19 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with other accused, misappropriated a sum of Rs.24,50,314/- from the account of a petrol bunk by recording inflated amounts for fuel allegedly filled in certain vehicles. On enquiry with the owners, the defacto complainant found that some of those vehicles had not been functioning for over two years. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 15.08.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner, along with other accused persons, had misappropriated a sum of Rs.24,50,314/-. Therefore, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Thanjavur, and on further conditions that :-

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only), to the credit of



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Crime No.19 of 2025 before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Thanjavur. After receipt of entire amount, the learned Judicial Magistrate, shall deposit the said amount in an interest bearing Fixed Deposit in any Nationalized Bank initially for a period of one year and renew them periodically until the final order/Judgment is passed in the case in Crime No.19 of 2025. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation. He has to co-operate for the investigation.

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

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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



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petitioner is 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 BNS.

(S S Y J)
26.09.2025

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Thanjavur.
2. The Superintendent, District Prison,
Pudukottai.
3. The Inspector of Police,
DCB Police Station,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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