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CRL OP(MD). No.22195 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 04.12.2025

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Padmaja @ Padmaja Nanappan .. Petitioner/A3

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep., by,
The Inspector of Police,
AWPS-Colachel Police Station,
Kanniyakumari District.
Crime No.29 of 2025. .. Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.T.Ramesh Raja
For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- C-33AB For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.
29 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the
hands of the respondent police for the offences
punishable under Sections 498(A), 406, 294(b), 323,
506(1) of IPC, and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition



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Act, 1961, in Crime No.29 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant got married the petitioner's son in the year 2016 and a female baby was born in the year 2018. Her husband is working in abroad and during his visit to India, he had sexually harassed her and caused physical injury. Further, he demanded additional dowry and harassed her. It is further alleged that the petitioner had already received 10 sovereigns of gold jewels from the defacto complainant on various occasions over 9 years and not returned the same. The specific overt act against the petitioner is that the petitioner supported her son's demand of additional dowry and not the defacto complainant. 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



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petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases. He further submitted that the specific overt act against the petitioner is that the petitioner supported her son's demand of additional dowry and not the defacto complainant. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and the petitioner has no previous case, and also considering the nature of offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten



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Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Eraniel, Kanniyakumari District, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready 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 shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;

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

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

[e]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial



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Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the 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];

[f]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Eraniel, Kanniyakumari District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
AWPS-Colachel Police Station,
Kanniyakumari District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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