



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.23803 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 19.12.2025

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Srikala Sindhu

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
Melapalayam Police Station,
Tirunelveli City.
(Crime No.347 of 2025)

... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Muthulakshmi

For Respondent : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.347 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 3(2)(a), 4(1), 5(1)(a) & 7(1)(a) of



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Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, in Crime No.347 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that three women victims stated that due to their family hardship, they were induced and exploited by the accused/petitioner. The said accused lured them under the guise of providing employment and compelled them to engage in prostitution. Further, they stated that the accused/petitioner was organizing the prostitution racket by arranging customers through mobile phone calls and collecting Rs.1,000/- per customer per day, out of which Rs.500/- was unlawfully taken by her and the remaining amount was paid to the victims. Thus, the accused acted as a broker and exploiter, intentionally profiting from the sexual exploitation of vulnerable women. Hence, the apprehension of arrest. Hence, a case has been registered as against the petitioner.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner has not committed any offence. He seeks this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Further, it is submitted that the petitioner has left the said activities and she is working in Municipality as a daily wager.



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4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the offences committed by the petitioner are serious in nature. Further, the petitioner has one previous case which is similar in nature.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with 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 Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Tirunelveli, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order 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. **While producing sureties, the petitioner shall also submit an undertaking before the Judicial Magistrate stating that she will not engage in immoral**



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activities.

[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.

[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 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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1. Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Tirunelveli.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Melapalayam Police Station,
Tirunelveli City.

3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench Of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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