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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.212 of 2026

Manikandan

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ammamet Police Station,
Salem City.
(Crime No.545 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.545 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Dhasarathan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.11.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 309(4) and 311 of BNS, in Crime No.545 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he joined hands with other accused was involved in house breaking and robbery and committed dacoity in the house of the defacto complainant, thereby taking away gold jewellery.

Hence, a complaint was lodged and the petitioner was arrested.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner had no involvement in the alleged act of house breaking and dacoity. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally five accused in this case and the petitioner is ranked as A5. He further submitted that the petitioners 1 to 4 have been detained under Act 14 of 1982 and that the petitioner herein is not having any previous antecedents. He further submitted that the property was recovered. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on both sides, the fact that the property was recovered and that the petitioner is not having any previous antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Salem, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

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

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness 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 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



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[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can

be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.V,
Salem.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Ammamet Police Station,
Salem City.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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