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Crl.OP.No. 324 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO. 324 of 2026

Vignesh @ Pradhap

Petitioner/A3

Vs

The State rep. by

The Inspector of Police

R-5, Virugambakkam Police Station

Koyambedu District

Crime No. 452 of 2025.

Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest pending investigation in Cr.No. 452 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Raji

For Respondent : Ms.J.R. Archana

Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 127(2), 308(2) and 351(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No. 452 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he is an associate of A1 in this case, and A1 has a company, doing business in a foreign country where the de-facto complainant was working under him. The accused along with others brought the de-facto complainant after collecting his entire documents, threatening him with dire consequences, and forced him to do online fraud activities. When he opposed the same, he was illegally confined and threatened by the accused and others. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that already A1 and A2 were arrested and released on bail and the petitioner herein is ranked as A3 in this case and he has not actively participated in the occurrence. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to furnish sufficient solvent sureties for his release. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and submits that the co-accused were arrested and released on bail and investigation is pending. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



5. Heard the learned counsels and perused the materials available on record.

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6. Considering the main accused in this case were already arrested and released on bail, this petitioner has no previous cases, and this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;



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[c] 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 for interrogation;

[d] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**;

[e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1.The XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police

R-5, Virugambakkam Police Station

Koyambedu District, Crime No. 452 of 2025.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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