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Crl.O.P.No.173 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.173 of 2026

Ragul S/o.Karttik

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Mettur Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.576 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.576 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. S.Silambu Selvan

For Respondent : M/s. J.R. Archana
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 109, 351(3) of the BNS, 2023, r/w Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, in Crime No.576 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein had a quarrel with the *defacto* complainant and her husband, out of which, he assaulted the husband of the *defacto* complainant and he suffered injuries in his legs and hand. Hence, a complaint registered before the respondent police.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and has not committed any offence as alleged and there is no previous case as against the petitioner; and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, hence sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that as per the complaint, the petitioner assaulted the husband of the *defacto* complainant during a quarrel which caused injuries in his legs and hand and that the investigation of this case is pending.



5. Considering the submissions made, facts and circumstances of this case, nature of allegation, the fact that there is no previous case as against the petitioner herein, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Mettur**, 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 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 three 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Mettur.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Salem District.
(Crime No.576 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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