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Crl.O.P.No.281 of 2026

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.281 of 2026

T.Ranganathan @ Prabhakaran
S/o.Thiruvankandam

... Petitioner/ A1

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Varanjaram Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
(Crime No.307 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.307 of
2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. T.Balachandran

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), and 351(2) of
BNS Act r/w Section 4 of CNCEI Act, in Crime No.307 of 2025 on the file
of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein who is ranked as A1 in this case has come forward and gave loan to the complainant and after paying Rs.1,00,000/- as loan to her, he collected huge amount from her for a period of two years to an extent of Rs.20,00,000/-. Even thereafter, the petitioner have demanded Rs.20,00,000/- additionally. Hence, unable to bear the harassment, the *defacto* complainant lodged a complaint before the respondent police.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and he had not demanded for any additional amount as stated in the complaint and have only demanded repayment of the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- and ready to co-operate for the investigation; 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, petitioner demanded additional amount of Rs.20,00,000/- from the



complainant and tortured her and that the investigation of this case is pending.

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5. Considering the submissions made, facts and circumstances of this case, nature of allegation, the fact that the petitioner has no previous 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 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-Cum-District Munsif Court, Chinnasalem, Kallakurichi**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen 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;



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[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;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of four 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

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2. The Inspector of Police,
Varanjaram Police Station,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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