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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **03.02.2026**

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.2405 of 2026

Selvam

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.
(Crime No.754 of 2019)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to grant bail to the petitioner in connection with the case in SC.No.43 of 2021 on the file of I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ranipet.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Harish

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.10.2025, for the offence under Sections 294(b), 324, 307, 506(ii) of IPC and Section 3(1) of PPDL Act in Crime No.754 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was earlier arrested and released on bail. Subsequently, due to health issue, the petitioner did not appear before the concerned trial Court, and hence Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) was issued against him on 18.09.2025, and the same was executed on 28.10.2025.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was earlier arrested in this case and subsequently, due to ill health, he was unable to appear before the Trial Court. Pursuant to the same, a NBW was issued against him on 18.09.2025 and the same was executed on 28.10.2025. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 28.10.2025. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner failed to appear before the concerned Court on 18.09.2025, pursuant to which a NBW was issued against him. He further submitted that there are totally three accused in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A2 and that he has three previous cases pending against him. He further submitted that the case is now posted for examination of LWs.4, 5 and 8 and the next hearing date is 05.02.2026. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 28.10.2025, and now the case is posted for examination of witnesses, 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, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the *learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, 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 Trial Court daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks.

[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



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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 5560];

[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 I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Salem.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, Ranipet Police Station, Ranipet District.
- 3.The Superintendent, Central Prison, Salem.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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