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Crl.O.P.No.2373 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.2373 of 2026

Shanthi W/o.Maduraveeran

... Petitioner/ A2

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Bagayam Police Staion,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.257 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.257 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. D.Thirumoorthy

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 303(2) of BNS Act, 2023, in Crime No.257 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner joined hands with the other accused and involved in stealing of the gold jewels of the defacto complainant while travelling in Government bus and subsequently, A1 in this case was arrested and the property was also recovered. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case, the petitioner being a lady, she is not aware of the stealing happened in this case and is ready to co-operate for the investigation; 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 gold jewels are stolen from the defacto complainant and later it was recovered; that the petitioner herein has one previous case of similar in nature and that the investigation of this case is pending.

5. Considering the submissions made, facts and circumstances of



this case, nature of allegation, though one previous case of similar in nature is stated against the petitioner since the property is recovered, custodial interrogation of the petitioner herein is not necessary for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Vellore**, 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;**

[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



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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 Judicial Magistrate No.I,
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2. The Inspector of Police,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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