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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 02-03-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

**CRL OP No. 3948 of 2026**

Meganapriya

..Petitioner

Vs

State by,  
The Inspector of Police,  
CBCID-OCU Police Station,  
Coimbatore District.  
Crime No.2 of 2025

..Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the Petitioners on anticipatory bail in Crime No. 2 of 2025 in the event of her arrest, pending investigation on the file of the Respondent-Police.

For Petitioner:

Mr.Muthupandi V

For Respondent:

Mr.P.Dhileepan  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

### **Order**

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 120B, 420, 460, 471 and 409 of IPC in Crime No.2 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

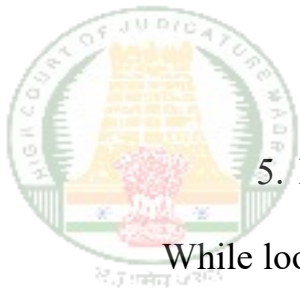
2. The case of the prosecution alleged that the petitioner in this petition is



arrayed as A7. The de facto complainant lodged complaint against the petitioner stating that the petitioner approached in the name of a Trust and made the de facto complainant and others to invest money to get various benefits from the Trust. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is no way connected with the present case and that the alleged offence was committed by somebody on the pretext of having a Trust. The learned counsel further submitted that on the only reason that the such trust is in the name of the petitioner she was also arrayed as an accused in the present case and he fairly conceded that the mother of the petitioner is also arrayed as an accused in this case. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an HIV patient and in support thereof, produced the case sheet dated 07.08.2024.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that about 120 persons have been affected in the fraud committed by these petitioners and other co-accused, with the amount involved being Rs. 3 crores and 12 lakhs. He further submitted that the other accused namely A1 to A6 have already been released on statutory bail on 27.01.2026. Therefore, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) fairly submitted that the investigation is already complete and the charge sheet is yet to be filed.



5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions of either side.

While looking at the facts of the case though certain fraud have been committed by the accused, the main accused A1 to A6 have already been granted statutory bail on 27.01.2026 and the learned Government Advocate fairly submitted that the investigation is already completed. Apart from that, the petitioner in this case is suffering from “AIDS”. Apart from that at this length of time there cannot be any necessity for custodial interrogation. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made, before the learned ***Chief Judicial Magistrate, Coimbatore*** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties** for a like sum to the satisfaction learned Magistrate concerned, and on further condition that:

(a) If the petitioner fail to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) 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 identify proofs to ensure their identity;

**(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily twice at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m for a period of four weeks and thereafter daily once at 10.30 a.m. for a period of further two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;**

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*;

(e) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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3. The Public Prosecutor  
High Court of Madras.



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**C.KUMARAPPAN J.**

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