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Crl.O.P.No.4281 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **20.02.2026**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP NO.4281 of 2026

Sugumar

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
M-3, Puzhal Police Station,
Chennai
(Crime No.50 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to grant bail to the petitioner/accused in Crime No.50 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Police, M-3, Puzhal Police Station, Chennai.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. R. Muthukumar
For Respondent(s) : Dr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.01.2026 for the offences under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 126(2), 296(b), 118(1), 115(2), 125, 309(4), 311 and 351(3) of BNS in Crime No.50 of 2026, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused waylaid and demanded money from the defacto complainant at knife point and robbed a sum of Rs.4,000/- from him. It is alleged that the petitioner and other accused have attacked the defacto complainant and caused injuries to him. Hence the case.

3.This Court has earlier dismissed the bail application of the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.2658 of 2026, dated 05.02.2026, after considering the merits of the case on the following reasons:

“5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side and the previous antecedents of the petitioner, if the petitioner is released on bail, he will indulge in tampering of evidence. Hence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, this criminal original petition stands dismissed.”

4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he is in judicial custody from 13.01.2026. He further submitted that the



petitioner is a student and he is continuing his studies and he is ready to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any other stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, prays to grant bail.

5.Though it is stated by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police that there is no change in circumstances, considering the fact that the petitioner is a student and also considering the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to certain conditions.

6. 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 each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Madhavaram**, and on further conditions that:

[a] 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;



[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

[c] 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];**

[d] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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1. The Inspector of Police,
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- 2.The District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Madhavaram.
- 3.The Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras



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