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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.3866 of 2026

Balaraman

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Bargur Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.22 of 2026)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.22 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Kannadasan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 27.01.2026 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 194 of BNSS 2023 @ 108 of BNS, in Crime No.22 of 2026, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he is the husband of the deceased in this case. It is stated that the petitioner's sister had earlier borrowed gold jewels from the deceased for the purpose of attending the function. Subsequently, when the deceased demanded to return back the gold jewels, the petitioner's sister, who has been arrayed as A1, informed that the petitioner herein had collected the gold jewels and same is with him. When the deceased questioned A2 in this regard, the petitioner attacked the deceased with a stick. Unable to bear the humiliation, the deceased committed suicide by consuming acid. Hence, a case has been registered and the petitioner was arrested.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and he has not committed the alleged offence. He further submitted that he is in judicial custody since 27.01.2026 and that he is ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him and that the investigation is still pending.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either



side, the nature of the allegations, and the fact that the deceased died by consuming acid, and that the petitioner has no previous case against him and 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Krishnagiri**, 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 respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[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 Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Krishnagiri.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Bargur Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Dharmapuri.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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