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Crl.OP.No.4582 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.4582 of 2026

R.Abhinav Bharadwaj

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep by:

The Inspector of Police,

IPREC, Chennai Unit-II,

Ayanavaram, Chennai-600 012.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/accused in connection with Cr.No.3 of 2025 in the event of arrest pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sriraam Ms

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 52A and 68A of Copyright Act, 1957 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that he has uploaded the movie of the defacto complainant on the social media, i.e., You Tube Platform run by the petitioner, by violating the copy rights and hence, case has been registered. Hence, the present petition has been filed by the petitioner for seeking anticipatory bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the allegation is that the petitioner has uploaded the aforementioned movie in the year 2023. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to cooperate for the investigation and also ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the aforementioned movie has been removed from the social media and investigation in this case pending. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail.

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



6. Considering the nature of allegations, the fact that the aforementioned movie has been removed from the social media, though investigation in this case pending,, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. 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 ***XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet*** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with two **sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction learned Magistrate concerned, and on further condition that:

(a) If the petitioner fails 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 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 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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To

1.The XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet.

2.The Inspector of Police,
IPREC, Chennai Unit-II,
Ayanavaram, Chennai-600 012.

3.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras, Chennai 600 104.



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