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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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K.Satheeshkumar

..Petitioner

Vs

State, rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch Police Station,
Cuddalore District,
(Crime No 40 of 2025)

..Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 40 of 2025 on the file of the v Respondent Police.

For Petitioner:

Mr.V.Manimaran

For Respondent:

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

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 420 of IPC in Crime No.40 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner approached the de



facto complainant to start a chit fund company and induced him to invest a sum of Rs.96 lakhs. The petitioner failed to include the de facto complainant as director in the chit fund and also did not return the money invested by him. Hence, this complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that FIR was registered on 11.08.2025 and according to the prosecution, the amount cheated was Rs.96 lakhs, out of which Rs.15 lakhs has been repaid to the petitioner. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and he is ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there is one victim and the petitioner induced him by way of chit fund scheme and thereby deceived him to the tune of Rs.96 lakhs and there are about 3 accused totally. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted except this petitioner, other co-accused namely Aishwarya has got anticipatory bail on 02.02.2026 and one Muniyammal@ Jeeva has got bail on 03.11.2025.



6. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.

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7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and from the submission of the learned Counsel for the petitioner that the co-accused have already been released on bail, this Court is of the firm view at this length of time, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail subject to certain conditions.

8. 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 is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Cuddalore**, 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 of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., and 05.30 p.m for a period of forty five days 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 petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To:

1. The Judicial Magistrate-II,
Cuddalore

2. The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch Police Station,
Cuddalore District,

3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras



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