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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 7626 of 2026

and

CRL MP No.6805 of 2026

S.Navaraj

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
CCB-Avadi Police Station,
Avadi.
(Crime No.28/2026).

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on Anticipatory bail in the event of arrest on connection with Crime No.28 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Jayaprakash.V

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Dhileepan
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

For Intervener(s): Mr.M.Thirumal

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for offences punishable under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467 and 471 of the



Indian Penal Code (IPC) in Crime No. 28 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, arrayed as A15, allegedly forged documents pertaining to a Power of Attorney regarding property purchased by the defacto complainant in the year 2001. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated. He further submits that the petitioner is a law-abiding citizen with no criminal antecedents and was not involved in any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He contended that as the investigation has significantly progressed, custodial interrogation is unnecessary, and undertakes that the petitioner shall cooperate fully with the investigation.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail, reiterated the prosecution's case and on instructions, submitted that the petitioner is involved in a matter of forgery and land-grabbing, which are serious offences requiring thorough investigation. He further contended that if the petitioner is released on anticipatory bail, there is a high likelihood that he may tamper with the



evidence, influence witnesses, or otherwise hinder the progress of the investigation.

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5. Considering the nature and gravity of the offences, which involve the alleged forgery of title documents and land-grabbing having a serious impact on the rights of property owners, and the need to unearth the deeper conspiracy and identify the network involved in such fraudulent transactions, this Court is of the opinion that custodial interrogation is necessary for an effective investigation. Consequently, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner at this stage.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magisterial-I, Poonamallee.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, CCB-Avadi Police Station, Avadi.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai.



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