



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 10289 of 2026

V.Devaki

Petitioner

Vs

The Inspector of Police
Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar Police Station,
Chennai.
Crime No.Not known of 2026

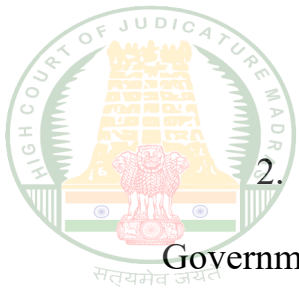
Respondent

PRAYER This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest by the Respondent Police in Crime No. not known of 2026.

For Petitioner:	Ms.Varalakshmi.R
For Respondent :	Mr.P.Dhileepan, Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 318(4) of BNS Act, 2023 (Corresponding Section 420 IPC) in Crime No.Not Known of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. Today, when the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petition enquiry is pending against the petitioners.

3. In such circumstances, this Court is of the firm view that the respondent Police may be directed to follow the ratio as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Satender Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation* reported in (2026 INSC 115) and 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1578 and the Investigating Officer has to conduct the enquiry by strictly following the procedures therein and if any *prima facie* case is made out against the petitioners, register the F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of two weeks from today. The parties are directed to cooperate with the enquiry. It is needless to say that the respondent police shall not take any coercive steps to secure the accused till the completion of enquiry, on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant.

4. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

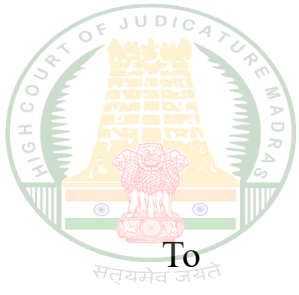
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No



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1. The Inspector of Police
Thiru. Vi. Ka Nagar Police Station,
Chennai.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court, Chennai.



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