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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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P.Ravi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State By,
Inspector of Police
All Women Police Station (AWPS),
Poonamallee.

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in CC.No.182 of 2023 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Poonamallee.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.B.Raj Kumar Babu

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Dhileepan
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for offences punishable under Sections 417 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, in CC.No.182 of 2023 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Poonamallee, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that this is a case of a consensual relationship which later turned sour which has been given a criminal colour. He further submits that the petitioner is employed in Dubai and was unaware of the registration of the case. Consequently, the petitioner left for Dubai for employment. It is submitted that the petitioner later learned that a final report had been filed, and without any summons being served on him, the Trial Court issued a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) of arrest, and subsequently, the respondent issued a Look Out Circular (LOC).

3. The learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner is a law-abiding citizen with no bad antecedents and is ready to appear before the Trial Court to cooperate for speedy disposal of trial. He would submit that if anticipatory bail is not granted and the LOC is not kept in abeyance to enable his return, the petitioner will face grave hardship. The learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready to travel back to India between 12.05.2026 and 22.05.2026, during which period the LOC may be kept in abeyance.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police who strongly opposes the grant of anticipatory bail, submitted that the petitioner cheated the victim girl on the promise of marriage and maintained a physical relationship with her. He further submitted that after the



case was registered, the petitioner absconded to Dubai, necessitating the issuance of an NBW and the pending Look Out Circular.

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5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6. Admittedly, the petitioner is employed in Dubai and now, the learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that the petitioner will return to India to join the legal proceedings. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances, the undertaking given by the petitioner's counsel, and the fact that custodial interrogation is not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to certain stringent conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Poonamallee, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 that:

[a] The petitioner shall return to India on or before

22.05.2026.



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[b] The respondent police shall keep the Look Out Circular (LOC) issued against the petitioner in abeyance during the period from 12.05.2026 to 22.05.2026 to facilitate his return.

[c] The petitioner shall, within one week from 22.05.2026, surrender before the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Poonamallee and execute the aforementioned bond.

[d] The petitioner shall surrender his original Passport before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Poonamallee at the time of executing the bond.

[e] The petitioner shall report before the said Judicial Magistrate daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of one week and thereafter, on all such dates fixed by the learned Magistrate for trial.

[f] The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for suretyship (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019]'. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[g] The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during



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investigation or trial;

[h] 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 petitione 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]***;

[i] If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate-I, Poonamallee.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station (AWPS), Poonamallee.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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