



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.10600 of 2026

Mr.Gopinath Mani

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch, Avadi City
Crime No.24 of 2025

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.24 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Ms.R.A.Parkavi

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of IPC in Crime No.24 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The learned counsel for the petitioner, pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner and false implication in the case, seeks the indulgence of this Court. He would submit that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioner has signed only as a witness in the documents and, other than that, the petitioner has no role to play in the alleged occurrence. He would also submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

3. The case of the prosecution, as put forth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing the grant of anticipatory bail, is that the accused, by impersonation and fabrication of documents, had sold the property measuring 1842 sq. ft., belonging to the defacto complainant, to a third party.

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



5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, and considering the specific stand of the petitioner that he has signed only as a witness to the documents and has no direct role in the alleged offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, as custodial interrogation is not required at this stage, subject to certain conditions.

6. 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 No.1, Poonamallee, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 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;



(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 p.m., until further orders;

(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 learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Poonamallee.
2. The Inspector of Police, Central Crime Branch, Avadi City
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

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