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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.11054 of 2026

Sathish Kumar

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Chengalpattu.
Crime No.2 of 2026

... 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 hi arrest in connection with Crime No.2 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.N.Pratiek

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 403, 405, 420 and 120B of IPC, in Crime No.2 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with others accused, engaged several NGOs for construction projects through the MIN Foundation. It is alleged that, under the guise of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the petitioner misappropriated funds and failed to utilise the same for any CSR-related activities. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has not favoured anyone; however, it is the contractor who had used inferior quality building materials, thereby causing issues, for which the petitioner has been unnecessarily implicated. He would also submit that a co-accused has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 23.03.2026 in CrI.O.P.No.7206 of 2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and is also willing to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and opposed the grant of anticipatory bail.



5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, the nature of the allegations, and the fact that custodial interrogation of the petitioner does not appear to be necessary at this stage, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, 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-II, Chengalpattu, 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(s) 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(s) shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;



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(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner(s) in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner(s) 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(s) thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Chengalpattu
2. The Inspector of Police, District Crime Branch, Chengalpattu.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

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