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CrI.O.P.No.12553 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.DHANABAL

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Govindaraj

...Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by,
The Station House Officer,
Thavalakuppam Police Station,
Pondicherry.
Crime No.27 of 2026.

...Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.27 of 2026, pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Ezhilbalaji

For Respondent : Mr.A.Alexander
Government Advocate (Puducherry)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.03.2026 for the offences punishable under Section 10 of the POCSO Act and Section 137(2) of BNS, in Crime No.27 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner portraying himself as a caretaker of the victim's family, gained acquaintance and sexually assaulted the victim girl. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case and that, he is in custody for about two months. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertakes not to tamper with the witnesses. Hence, he prayed that the petitioner may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Puducherry) appearing for the respondent reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that though there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner, the offences committed by the petitioner are of heinous in nature and this Court, vide order dated 06.05.2026 made in Crl.O.P.No.10328 of 2026, dismissed the earlier bail petition filed by the petitioner. He further submitted that the investigation in this case has been completed and the final report has been filed before the court concerned. Hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.



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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offences and also considering the fact that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner and further taking note of the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 183 of BNSS and also considering the period of incarceration of the petitioner from 17.03.2026, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to 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 **Fast Track Court Exclusively to dealt with offences under POCSO Act, Puducherry**, and on further conditions that:

[b] **the petitioner shall report before the POCSO Court concerned everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;**

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he is an accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he is suspected;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]***.

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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1. The Fast Track Court Exclusively to dealt with offences under POCSO Act, Puducherry.
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4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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