



;IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 12914 of 2026

R.Suraj
S/o. Ranganthan,
No.27E, ES Peeyare homes,
Cheran Nagar,
Near Marutham Apartments,
Coimbatore 641 029.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State by, Inspector of Police,
City Crime Wings,
District Crime Branch,
Nilgiris District.
Cr.No.11/2025

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 484 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Cr.No.11/2025 pending on the file of the Inspector of police, City Crime Wings, Nilgiris District or on his appearance before the Court and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.A.Vijayakumar

For Respondent(s):

Mr.N.Palanivel

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Sections 318(4) of BNSS, 2023 and 66(D) of Information Technology Act, 2000** in



Crime No.11 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the *de facto* complainant, upon noticing an investment advertisement on Instagram, joined a WhatsApp group and was induced to download “VVL Max Finance App” for online stock trading. Believing the representations made by the administrators of the said group, he transferred various sums of money to the bank accounts specified by them and carried out trading activities through the said application. Subsequently, when he sought to withdraw the profits reflected therein, he was called upon to deposit an additional sum of Rs.21,00,000/-, which aroused suspicion. Realising that he had been cheated, the de-facto complainant lodged a complaint before the Cyber Crime authorities alleging a total loss of Rs.23,33,000/-. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the *de facto* complainant and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that there is no previous case has been registered against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the registration of FIR on 15.02.2025 for the occurrence took place on 01.10.2024, and the fact that at this length of time, no custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required, 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, Udagai, Nilgiris District**, on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a 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:

(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 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;



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(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30 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.

7.This Criminal Original Petition is ordered accordingly.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Udagai, Nilgiris District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, City Crime Wings,
District Crime Branch,
Nilgiris District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court.

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