



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

CRL OP No. 12989 of 2026

Tharun mugeshsundar
S/o Srinivasan
Kumaran nagar,
Sholavaram,
Chennai 600 067.

..Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State, represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Sholavaram Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.
(Crime No.204 of 2025)

..Respondent/
Complainant

PRAYER :- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to grant pre-arrest bail to the
petitioner in Crime No.204 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Vetrivel,
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.V.Meganathan,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)



ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 12.05.2026 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 324(4), 296(b), 115(2), 351(3) of BNS, 2023, r/w Sec.4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 1998, in Crime No.204 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner involved in a quarrel with the defacto complainant, abused him using filthy language and also tried to assault him. The defacto complainant sustained injury. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.M.Vetrivel, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide any conditions to be imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prays to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.



5. *Per contra*, Mr.V.Meganathan, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that totally four accused involved in this case. He further submits that one previous case registered under Sec.304 of BNS against the petitioner. He further submits that the investigation of the case is still pending and therefore, at this stage, if the pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner, he will commit similar type of offence and cause loss to wealth of the nation. Accordingly, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Considering the fact that except Sec.4 of Tamil Nadu Harassment of Women Act, 1998, other offences alleged are bailable in nature, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary. Further, the petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society. Hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case and though one previous case against the petitioner, with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:



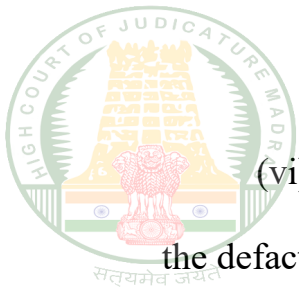
(i) The petitioner shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned **Judicial Magistrate-II, Ponneri**, within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate-II, Ponneri**.

(ii) 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 Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent police daily at 10.00 a.m. until further orders.

(iv) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(v) 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 him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.



(vi) The petitioner shall also not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence.

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(vii) The petitioner shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

(viii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the concerned Magistrate.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned **Judicial Magistrate-II, Ponneri** or Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283]***.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate-II, Ponneri.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Sholavaram Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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