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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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Registered Office
At 601, 6th Floor,
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New Delhi- 110001

..Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State rep by,
The Inspector of Police
Ice House Police Station,
(Crime No 73 of 2026)

..Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioner on the
anticipatory Bail in the event of arrest of the petitioner in the relation to Crime
No 73 of 2026 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner: Mr.S. Veeraragavan

For Respondent: Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner / Accused
on 18.05.2026 under Section 482 of BNSS Act, 2023 praying to grant pre-arrest



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2. The petitioner/Accused, apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 316(2) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.73 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the de facto complainant entered into an agreement regarding Travel and stay on 15.07.2025. It is alleged that the petitioner is liable to pay Rs.3,87,480/- to the de facto complainant. Hence, the case.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that due to money dispute, the defacto complainant foisted a false case against the petitioner. He further submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Accordingly, he prayed to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is the sole accused in this case. He further submitted that there is money dispute between the defacto complainant and the petitioner. Hence, he prayed to dismiss this Criminal



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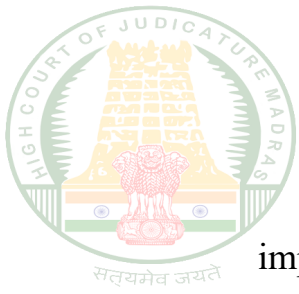


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6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of the dispute between petitioner and the defacto complainant and the business transaction held between the petitioner and the de facto complainant, this Court is of the considered view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner with conditions. 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 Metropolitan Magistrate II, Egmore, Chennai, 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned Metropolitan Magistrate II, Egmore, Chennai.



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(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 Metropolitan Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

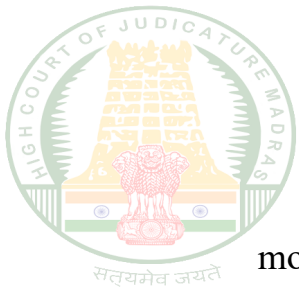
(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent-Police weekly once on Sunday at 10.00 a.m. until further orders.

(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.

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



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(viii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the Metropolitan Magistrate II, Egmore, Chennai.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Metropolitan Magistrate II, Egmore, Chennai or Trial Judge, as the case may be, 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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R.SAKTHIVEL J.

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To:

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2. The Inspector of Police
Ice House Police Station,
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3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras

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