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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep by the Inspector of Police
Kadaladi Police Station,
Thiruvannamalai District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in respect of Crime No.62 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Kadaladi Police Station, Tiruvannamalai District.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Viswanathan SB

For Respondent(s):

M/s.R.S.Indira

Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 296 (b), 115 (2), 118 (1), 324 (4) and 75 of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, 1998, in Crime No.62 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto-complainant and the petitioner were known to each other and were friends. Taking advantage of this friendship, the petitioner allegedly beat, threatened and sexually harassed the defacto-complainant. Hence, the case.

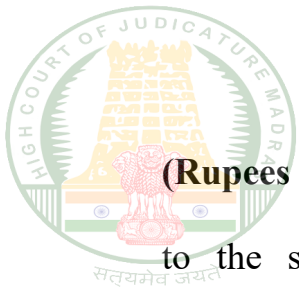


3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and he is ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and further submitted that petitioner has no previous case. However, opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the nature of the allegations and the prior acquaintance between the petitioner and the defacto-complainant, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary at this juncture. Hence, 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 District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate, Kalasapakkam, Thiruvannamalai District** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/-**



(Rupees Twenty Five 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;

(c) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily Morning at 10.30 am and Evening at 5.30 pm. 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.

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1.The District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate,
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2.The Inspector of Police
Kadaladi Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.

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