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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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Varshini

..Petitioner

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Karamadai Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.187 of 2026

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.187 of 2026 pending trial on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner:

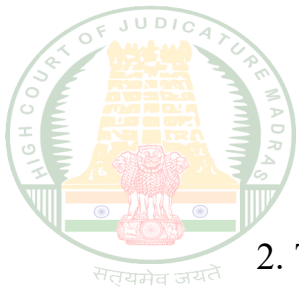
Mr.T.Balaji

For Respondent:

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamilnadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner/A1, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 06.04.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 308(2), 351(2) and 77 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and 66E, 67A of IT Act, in Crime No.187 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



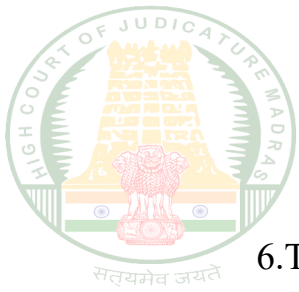
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2. The case of the prosecution is that the husband of the petitioner had an illicit relationship with the defacto complainant and thereafter the petitioner threatened the defacto complainant with private videos and extorted 2½ sovereigns of gold chain from her. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case and has no connection with the alleged occurrence. It is submitted that the principal allegation is against A2, who allegedly had a relationship with the defacto complainant, recorded private videos and threatened to circulate them. As far as the petitioner is concerned, there is no specific overt act attracting the allegations made in the complaint. The petitioner was arrested on 06.04.2026 and has been in judicial custody for more than 48 days. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the allegations are serious in nature and therefore, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.



6. This Court is of the view that though the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) objected to the bail application in view of the nature of allegations, taking into consideration the long incarceration of the petitioner since 06.04.2026 and upon the fact that by this time the major portion of the investigation might have been completed, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam, and subject to the following conditions:

[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m., for a period of 15 days;

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

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;



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[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];***

[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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Note:

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2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam.
2. Central Prison, Coimbatore.
3. The Inspector of Police, Karamadai Police Station, Coimbatore District.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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