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Crl.O.P.No.15350 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Anjalai

2. Manimekalai

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
SHO Sethiyathoppe Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.106 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.106 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.T.Elumalai

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.05.2026 for the alleged offences under Section 194 of BNSS @ Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in Crime No.106 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the first accused was having an illicit relationship. When the deceased, who is the husband of the first accused, came to know about the same, he committed suicide. The petitioners herein are the mother-in-law and sister-in-law of the first accused. The allegation against the petitioners is that they had not questioned the conduct of the first accused. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioners have been in custody since 19.05.2026 and are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioners, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioners have no bad antecedents and that the investigation has already been completed.

5. Though an unfortunate death has taken place, this Court, prima facie, does not find any specific overt act or material attributable to the petitioners so



as to attract the offence under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Hence, considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioners, the fact that the petitioners have no bad antecedents, the fact that the investigation has already been completed, and also the fact that the petitioners are women, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on bail, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Chidambaram, 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 everyday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[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;

[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions,



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the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners 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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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Chidambaram,

2. The Superintendent, Vellore Women Jail

3. The Inspector of Police, SHO Sethiyathoppe Police Station, Cuddalore.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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