



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 16525 of 2026

Rudhra W/o. Arunpandiyan,
No.3/35, Kaveri Nagar,
5th Street, Gandhi Nagar,
Kodungaiyur,
Chennai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by:

The Inspector of Police
M6 Manali Police Station,
Chennai.
[Crime No.449 of 2025]

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. praying to enlarge the Petitioner/1st Accused on bail pending investigation in M-6 Crime No.449 of 2025 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. V.Subramani

For Respondent(s): Mr. S. Yogaraja Sekar,
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.05.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 406 and 420 of IPC in Crime No.449 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. The *case of the prosecution* is that on 17.04.2024, the petitioner along with one Annapoorani,, who is A1, received a sum of Rs.8 lakhs in cash and 18 sovereign gold jewels in the year 2023 and 2024 from the husband of the defacto complainant, which are belonged to the defacto complainant Anandhi and the same had been pledged by the accused with Indian Overseas Bank. Thereafter, taking advantage of the death of the defacto complainant's husband on 22.09.2024, the petitioner along with other accused misappropriated the cash and gold and refused to return the same to the defacto complainant. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is A1, who is a relative of the defacto complainant and A2 is the mother-in-law of the defacto complainant and the occurrence took place in the year 2022 and the FIR came to be registered in the year 2025 and this petitioner has been remanded to judicial custody on 16.05.2026. He would further submit that the co-accused was already released on anticipatory bail vide order passed in Crl.O.P. No.11840 of 2026 dated 23.06.2026 and the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and hence prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. At this juncture, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioner has



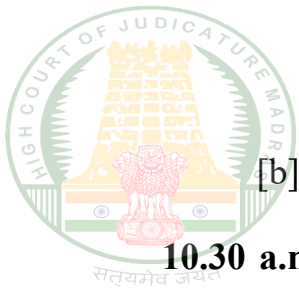
received the gold jewels from the defacto complainant's husband, but had not returned the same, taking advantage of the death of the defacto complainant's husband and hence strongly objected to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Though there is an allegation, considering the fact that the petitioner is a woman and she has been under incarceration since 16.05.2026 and upon the fact that the co-accused has already enlarged on anticipatory bail on 23.06.2026 and considering the further fact that in such type of offences, major portion of investigation might have been completed by this time, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to the following stringent 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 each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvottiur** and on further conditions that:

[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 appear before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required by the investigation officer 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, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]:

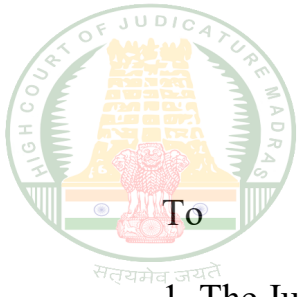
[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvottiyur.
2. The Inspector of Police, M6 Manali Police Station, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Police, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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