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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Subramaniyan @ Manikandan
S/o.Sivakumar,
Thottathu Salai,
Ramanamudhali Pudur,
Somanthurai Post,
Pollachi Taluk,
Coimbatore - 642 134.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State by, The Inspector of Police,
Kottur Police Station,
Pollachi.
Cr.No.134 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail, pending investigation in Cr.No.134 of 2026, on the file of Inspector of Police, Kottur Police Station, Pollachi.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Saravanakumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.05.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 75, 118(1), 351(2), 296(B) of

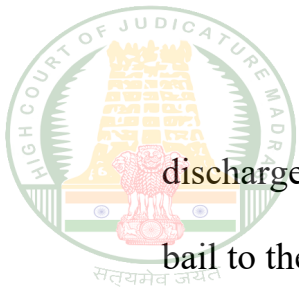


BNS, 2023 read with Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, in Crime No.134 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that due to a verbal quarrel, the petitioner sexually harassed the victim, an employee of the defacto complainant. When questioned by her husband, the petitioner along with the other accused, abused him in filthy language, assaulted him with a broken bottle and threatened him with dire consequences. Hence, the case has been registered against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been charged for the aforesaid offences and remanded to judicial custody on 12.05.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the occurrence took place on 03.05.2026 and that the injured was



discharged from the hospital on the same day. Hence, he opposed to grant of bail to the petitioner.

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5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. From the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances of the case and considering the incarceration of the petitioner since 12.05.2026 and the fact that the injured has been discharged from the hospital, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, 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 each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Pollachi**, 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 report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30 p.m. until further



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orders;

[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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Note:

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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Pollachi.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Kottur Police Station,
Pollachi.

3. The Superintendent,
Central Jail, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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