



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 16870 of 2026

N.Sridhar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police
Central Crime Branch(Land Grabbing).
Tambaram Commissionerate,
Sholinganallur,
Chennai-600119.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.71 of 2025 on the file of the Inspector of Police, City Crime Branch (Land Grabbing), Tambaram Commissionerate, Sholinganallur, Chennai 600119.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.Babu Muthu Meeran

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar

Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.05.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of I.P.C. in Crime No.71 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

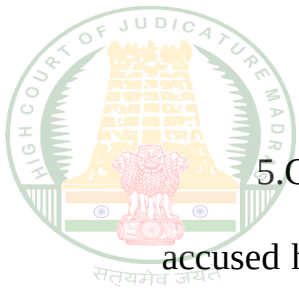
2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto-complainant and his wife had purchased a property measuring 10 cents vide a registered sale deed dated



07.01.2001 from one Premalatha. It is alleged that one Vasantha impersonated the defacto-complainant's wife and executed a general power of attorney in favour of one Rama and attempted to grab the property. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been in custody since 25.05.2026. He further submitted that the defacto-complainant's wife is also named Vasantha and taking advantage of this similarity in names, A1 (Vasantha) created a power of attorney in favour of A2. He further submitted that the petitioner is no way concerned with the fabrication of documents and has been falsely implicated in this case. He also pointed out that the co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court on 22.06.2026 in Crl.O.P.No.15646 of 2026. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is the person who identified the property to facilitate the misappropriation. However, the learned Government Advocate fairly submitted that except for the registration of the power of attorney, the property has not been further dealt with. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.



5. Considering the totality of the circumstances, the fact that the co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court and that the petitioner has been incarcerated since 25.05.2026, this court is of the firm view that his further custody is not necessary. Consequently, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. 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 I, Tambaram**, 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 daily at 10.30 a.m until further 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 take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on



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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]***;

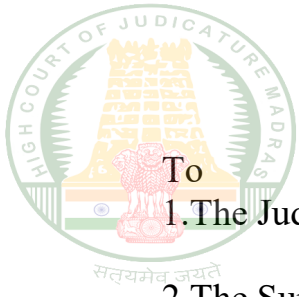
[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate I, Tambaram.

2. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

3. The Inspector of Police
Central Crime Branch(Land Grabbing).
Tambaram Commissionerate,
Sholinganallur,
Chennai-600119.

4. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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