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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31224 of 2026

Manikandan,
S/o.Palani,
No.22, 9th Cross Street,
Periyar Nagar, Urapakkam,
Chengalpattu District-603210. ...Petitioner/Accused 3

Vs

The State Rep.by its,
The Inspector of Police,
Tambaram Police Station ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.472 of 2025)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the S.C.No.223 of 2026 on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, at Chengalpattu in Cr.No.472 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Senthilvel

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.10.2025 for the alleged offence under Section 103(2), 126(2), 140(1), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 351(3) & 61(2) of B.N.S , in Crime No.472 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The petitioner's earlier bail application was dismissed on 09.09.2026 on the ground that he has previous criminal antecedents. Even though more than one month has elapsed since then, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that charges have not yet been framed in this case.

3. Per contra, the learned counsel for the respondent submitted that a non-bailable warrant is pending against A2 and, therefore, charges could not be framed by the trial Court.

4.The learned counsel for the petitioner restricted his prayer to issuing a direction to the trial Court to frame charges and expedite the trial.

5. Without expressing any opinion on the mertis of the case, **this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of** with the following directions:

(i) The trial Court shall frame charges on the next hearing date and shall not adjourn the matter on account of the non-appearance of any accused, unless there are valid reasons warranting such adjournment.

(ii) After framing charges, the trial Court shall expedite the trial and endeavour to complete the same at the earliest, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of framing of charges.

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(iii) The petitioner is at liberty to renew his bail application.

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To
1.The Additional District and Sessions Judge
Chengalpattu.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Tambaram Police Station

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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