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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31513 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012487742026}

Saranmadesh

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep by
The Inspector of Police(AWPS)
Bhavani Police Station,
Erode District.
Crime No. 34 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, Bhavani Police Station, Erode District and thus render Justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K Balu

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Sections Sections 11(4), 12, 13, 14(1) of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act read with Section 66 D of the Information Technology Act in Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the de facto complainant's daughter attempted to commit suicide because the petitioner threatened her by tattooing her name on his hand and further threatened to upload her morphed photographs to social media.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and a false case has been foisted against the petitioner 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 condition that may be imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

6. The prosecution's case involves the alleged sexual harassment of a minor girl—a 12th-standard student—via social media. The petitioner is a second-year college student. It is the case of the petitioner that he and the victim were in a romantic relationship, which they subsequently terminated due to

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family disputes. Considering the nature of the allegations, and given that there is absolutely no averment regarding sexual assault or sexual harassment in the victim's statement recorded under Section 183(5) of the BNSS, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Sessions Judge, Mahila Court (Fast Track Mahila Court) Erode** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only),** with **two sureties each,** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a)If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety slip (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019]'. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

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(c) **The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am for a period of one week and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;**

(d) The petitioner shall file an affidavit before the learned Judge concerned, undertaking that he shall not, in any manner, disturb the victim and shall refrain from indulging in any such activity in the future. It is made clear that in the event of any subsequent complaint of a similar nature being received against the petitioner, the anticipatory bail granted herein shall stand automatically cancelled.

(e) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560];***

(f) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The Sessions Judge,
   Mahila Court (Fast Track Mahila Court) Erode.

2.The Inspector of Police(AWPS)
   Bhavani Police Station,
   Erode District.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court, Chennai.

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