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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30093 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012496212026}

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S/o.Jeevamani,
Susila Jeevamani Kudil,
Bharathi Nagar, Mettuthandalam,
Annai Indhira Street, Thandalam,
Kancheepuram-603110.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
AWPS Mamallapuram Police Station,
Tiruppur District.
Cr.No.32/2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.32 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.S.Valarmathi

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 9(f), 9(m) and 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 in Crime No.32 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner had committed sexual assault on the victim child aged 11 years. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are false and that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 20.09.2026. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner sexually abused the victim child, age 11 years and the petitioner is aged 54 years. He also produced the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of BNSS. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner.

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

6. It is a case under the POCSO Act. The victim is aged 11 years, whereas the petitioner is aged 54 years. The petitioner is the Headmaster of the School, and the victim was a former student of the said School. It is alleged that,

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on one occasion, when the victim child visited the school, the petitioner committed sexual assault on the victim child. This Court has also perused the statement of the victim child recorded under Section 180(3) of BNSS. The investigation is still pending. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, nature of the allegations and the period of custody already undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail 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 Sessions Judge, Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Chengalpattu,** 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;
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> **[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;**
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> **[c] the petitioner shall not, either directly or indirectly, influence, intimidate or threaten the victim children or any prosecution witnesses. In the event of any complaint regarding violation of this condition, the bail granted to**

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the petitioner shall stand automatically cancelled;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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];**

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

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To

1. The Sessions Judge, Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Chengalpattu.

2. The Inspector of Police
AWPS Mamallapuram Police Station,
Tiruppur District.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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