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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. 31131 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012530302026}

Vijayakumar R
S/o Ramachandran,
Residing at
No.8-a Mariyammankovil Street,
Paleripattu Avadi, Kamaraj Nagar,
Poonamallee, Tiruvallur,
Tamil Nadu.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by its The Inspector of Police
Ambattur Estate Police Station,
Chennai District.
Cr.No.334/2026

..Respondent(s)

To enlarge the petitioner herein on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in connection with Crime No.334 of 2026, pending on the file of the respondent police, and pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr. MAYURAPRIYAN K

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

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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 14(1) and 14(1A) of the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and Section 79 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Section 146 of BNS, 2023, in Crime No. 334 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was working as a Manager of M/s.Sarathy Auto Components. Upon surprise inspection at the petitioner's factory premises, the respondent police found one child labourer an four adolescent labourers engaged in cleaning and packing work. Hence, the respondent police registered a case against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that upon subsequent verification, the child allegedly below fourteen years of age was found to be over fifteen years old, rendering the relevant provisions of the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act inapplicable. Consequently, as all the children rescued from the premises were over fourteen years of age, the alleged offence is

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bailable in nature. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, and hence, prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police has no objection to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned Counsel on either side, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur**, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the copy of this order is made ready, on condition that each petitioner shall execute a separate 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 that:

(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;

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(b) 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 identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) that the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10:30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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];***

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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur.

2. The Inspector of Police
Ambattur Estate Police Station,
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3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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