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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. 30607 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012546802026}

Suresh Kumar
S/o. Natarajan,
No.83, Salem Main Road,
Nethaji Baibas Road,
Dharmapuri.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep.by, The Inspector of Police
CCB Salem City Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No.21/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on Anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.21 of 2026 pending on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): C R Gokulvisvas
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of BNS, in Crime No.21 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that this is a matter of overseas job racketing. The de facto complainant responded to an advertisement posted on Instagram by "Best Career Solution, Salem," which offered employment in Singapore. Subsequently, he was offered a job in France. From May 2025 onwards, he paid a total sum of Rs. 5,70,000/- in various instalments and handed over his original passport. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that although four accused have been named in the FIR, A1 and A2 were arrested on 25.07.2026 and subsequently released on bail on 07.09.2026. The petitioner has been arrayed as A4. He further submitted that since the co-accused A1 and A2 have already been granted bail, and because the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court, anticipatory bail may be granted to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police opposed the grant of anticipatory bail. He reiterated the prosecution's case and submitted that, according to the complaint, the money paid by the de facto complainant has been traced directly to the petitioner/A4. He further submitted that the investigation in this case is still pending.

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5. Considering the serious nature of the allegations and the fact that the amount paid by the de facto complainant has been traced to the petitioner/A4, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To
1. The Inspector of Police
CCB Salem City Police Station,
Salem District.
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2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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