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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. 31181 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012554162026}

Karthiga
W/o Rajkumar,
No.14/8, Yathaval 2nd Street,
Virugambakkam,
Chennai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Represented By, Inspector of Police
R-9, Valasaravakkam Police Station,
Crime No. 746 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.746 of 2026 on the file of the R9 Valasaravakkam Police Station, Chennai, and pass such other orders as this Court may deem fit and necessary in the interest of justice and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. A.Gopinath for B. Mohanraj
For Respondent(s): Mr. R. Rajasekaran, Government Advocate
For Intervener: Mr.S.Rajesh Kumar

ORDER

The petitioner, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 318(4) @ to sections 318(4), 316(1), 319(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.746 of 2026, on the file of the respondent

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Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that this is a case of job racketing. The allegation against all the accused is that, on the promise of providing employment as Warehouse Supervisors in a foreign country, they had collected money from various victims. There are altogether 65 victims, and the total amount allegedly cheated is Rs.75,00,000/-. Hence, the case has been registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was employed only as a receptionist in the company and that she had not received any amount from any of the victims. He further submitted that the amounts were deposited only into the bank accounts of the company. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that A1 to A3 have already been arrested and remanded to judicial custody and that the investigation in the case is still pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the nature of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, the role attributed to her as a receptionist in the company, and the fact that no amount is alleged to have been received by or deposited into the account of the petitioner from the victims, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Poonamallee,** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen 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 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-ship (Judicial Form

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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) The petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10:30 A.M., until further orders;

(d) 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 was 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 petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To
1. The Judicial Magistrate-I, Poonamallee.

2. The Inspector of Police
R-9, Valasaravakkam Police Station,
Crime No. 746 of 2026

3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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