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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. 31045 of 2026

Muthu,
S/o.Mannar,
Oothalavadi Village,
Chetpet Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District,
Tamil Nadu-606 803. ...Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Chetpet Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.0211 of 2026

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.1 herein on Bail pending investigation in Crime No.0211 of 2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, Chetpet Police Station, Tiruvannamalai District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Saravanan
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 13.08.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 296(b), 118(1), 351(3) and 109(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, in Crime No.0211 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner allegedly threatened the deceased and coerced her into sending obscene photographs. Upon learning of the incident, the deceased's husbanad informed her family, and she was brought to Chennai due to depression. Subsequently, on 11.09.2026, she allegedly set herself on fire and succumbed to her injuries on 12.09.2026. It is further alleged that the deceased left a suicide note naming the petitioner and his family members. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 13.08.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) opposed the grant of bail and submitted that the petitioner allegedly threatened the deceased and coerced her into sending obscene photographs, and that the deceased subsequenlty died by suicide, leaving a suicide note implicating the petitioner and his family members. He further submitted that the injured has been discharged from the hospital. Hence, he sought dismissal of the bail petition.

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5. Considering the grave nature of the offence and the allegations against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

6. Hence, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Chetpet Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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