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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30696 of 2026

Mahendran,
S/o.Patteswaran,
D.No.2/200, G.Kaliyapuram,
Vellalapalayam,
Pollachi,
Coimbatore District. ...Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Kinathukadavu Police Station,
Coimbatore District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.286 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge this petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.286 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.N.Balakrishnan
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 281, 125(a), 106(1) of BNS Act @ 281, 125(a), 105 of BNS and Section 185 of Motor Vehicle Act, in Crime No.286 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction is that the de-facto complainant is the father of the deceased. On 21.09.2026, the deceased and his friends went to Valparai for a vacation. On 22.09.2026, while they were returning, the petitioner, who was driving a car bearing Registration No.TN 41 AT 4632, allegedly drove the vehicle in a rash and negligent manner and hit the vehicle driven by the deceased. As a result, the deceased fell down, sustained grievous injuries and subsequently succumbed to them. Hence, the present case.

3. The learned counsel 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 22.09.2026. He also further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner drove the car in a rash and negligent manner, hit the vehicle driven by the deceased and caused the fatal accident. He further submitted that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he strongly opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, 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 Judicial Magistrate-1, Pollachi,** 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;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

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

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[e] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in acc 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];**

[f] 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 Judicial Magistrate-1,
Pollachi.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kinathukadavu Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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