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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.O.P.No.30715 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012562132026}

Ujjwal ..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
Peelamedu Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.417 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in Cr.No.417 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. N.Arun Kumar

For Respondent(s) : Mrs. R.S.Indira
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner/A1, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 04.10.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 115(2), 351(3) and 77 of BNS and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, in Crime No.417 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/A1, who had a love affair with the *de facto* complainant, had sent intimate photos and videos of the *de facto* complainant to the other accused and also circulated them on social media. On questioning him about the same, the petitioner abused the *de facto* complainant in filthy language and threatened her with dire consequences. Consequently, the present case was registered against the petitioner and the other accused.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He also submits that the photos and videos of the *de facto* complainant were forcefully taken from the petitioner's phone by the other accused. He further submits that the petitioner's mobile phone and other gadgets allegedly involved in the offence have already been secured by the respondent police and the said photos and videos have also been deleted. He further submits that the petitioner has been incarcerated in judicial custody since 04.10.2026. Hence, he prays that the petitioner may be granted bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent strongly opposes the grant of bail to the petitioner. She also submits that the investigation in this case is still pending.

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5. Hearing both sides and on perusing the materials on record, this Court takes note of the fact that the electronic gadgets used for the commission of the alleged offence have already been secured and the alleged photos and videos have also been deleted. Considering the nature of the offence, the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, and the stage of the investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, but with stringent conditions to ensure his appearance and good conduct.

6. 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, Additional Mahila Court, Coimbatore,** and on further conditions that:

[a] The sureties shall affix his 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 his 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 accordance 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]; and

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
   Additional Mahila Court,
   Coimbatore.

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

3. The Superintendent,
   Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court of Madras.

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