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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. 30771 of 2026

S.Ramesh,
S/o.Selvanathan,
D/No.4/272,
Alakkarai, Yedappalli,
Coonoor, The Nilgiris. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Coonoor,
The Nilgiris District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.25 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.25 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station, Coonoor, The Nilgiris District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Mohan Raj
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 24.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 74, 75(1)(i), 75(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, in Crime No.25 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction is that on 17.09.2026, at about 10.30a.m., while the de-facto complainant was alone at her house, the petitioner, who was her former classmate in the eighth standard, came to her house and enquired about her brothers. He then allegedly barged into the house, tightly held her by the shoulders, and attempted to kiss her. When the de-facto complainant screamed, the petitioner fled from the scene. Hence, the 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 24.09.2026. He 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 charge sheet is filed and not taken on file. He further submitted that the investigation is already completed. However, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

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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, Kotagiri,** 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;

[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

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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,
Kotagiri.

2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Coonoor,
The Nilgiris District.

3.The Superintendent,
Sub-Jail, Nilgiris.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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