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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.30777 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012563232026}

Sarathkumar

..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep. by its, Inspector of Police,
G1, Madurantakam Police Station,
Tamil Nadu - 603306.
Cr.No.465/2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner / accused herein on bail in Cr.No.465 of 2026 on the file of the respondent / complainant i.e on the file of the Inspector of Police, G1, Madurantakam Police Station, Madurantakam, Tamilnadu - 603306.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mohan Raj

For Respondent : Mrs.R.S.Indira,
Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

This petition has been filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, seeking regular bail in Crime No.465 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered against the petitioner for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 74, 76, 296(b), 115(2), 118(1) and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Section 4(1) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman (TNPHW) Act.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that, due to previous enmity over a property dispute, the petitioner along with other co-accused allegedly intercepted and attacked the de-facto complainant on 25.08.2026, using abusive language and criminal intimidation, thereby causing injuries to the complainant. On a complaint lodged in this regard, the present case came to be registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations and has been falsely implicated in this case owing to a long-standing property dispute between the families. He further submitted that the injuries sustained by the victim are simple in nature and that the facts of the case are identical to that of the co-accused, who has already been enlarged on bail by this Court. He therefore prayed for grant of bail to the petitioner on the ground of parity.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner but fairly conceded that the co-accused facing identical allegations has already been granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.29155 of 2026 dated 09.10.2026.

5. Hearing the learned counsel on either side and perusing the materials available on record, it is seen that this Court has already considered the facts and circumstances of the case and granted the relief of bail to the co-accused in Crl.O.P.No.29155 of 2026 vide order dated 09.10.2026. Since the petitioner stands on the very same footing and the dispute arises out of a property conflict, this Court is inclined to grant the relief of bail to the petitioner on the ground of

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parity.

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 **Magistrate-I, Madhuranthagam Court,** 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;

[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];**

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[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 Magistrate-I, Madhuranthagam Court.

2. The Superintendent,
Puzhal Prison Jail, Chennai.

3. The Inspector of Police,
G-1 Madhuranthakam Police Station,
Chengalpattu District,
Tamil Nadu - 603306.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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