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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30941 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012563812026}

Velmurugan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep.by,
The Inspector of Police
SRMC- AWPS Police Station,
Tiruvallur District
Crime No. 21 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER

This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent Police in Cr.No.21 of 2026.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A Logesh

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 11(1)(3) and 12 of POCSO Act **in Crime No.21 of 2026** on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had sexually harassed the 13-year-old victim, who is his own daughter.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner and the de facto complainant, who are husband and wife, separated in February 2025. The de facto complainant/wife demanded a sum of Rs. 15 Lakhs as a one-time settlement. The petitioner has already settled a piece of land situated at Tiruttani in the name of their daughter. The present complaint has been falsely lodged to blackmail the petitioner following his refusal to pay the demanded sum. He submitted that the petitioner is innocent and a false case has been foisted against him and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

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6. The present case involves allegations of sexual harassment committed against a child victim by her own father. The de facto complainant is the estranged wife of the petitioner. A perusal of the statement recorded under Section 183(5) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) reveals that the victim girl has categorically detailed the sexual harassment perpetrated by the petitioner. Considering the serious nature of the allegations and the gravity of the offence, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police
   SRMC- AWPS Police Station,
   Tiruvallur District.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court, Chennai.

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