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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31505 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012563832026}

Poovarasan
S/o. Veera Raju

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented. by
The Station House Officer
Thavalakuppam Police Station
Puducherry.
Crime No.251 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS., to enlarge bail to the petitioner in the event of arrest in connection with crime No.251 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Satheeshkumar Manimaran

For Respondent(s): Ms.G.D.Jearany Omprakash
Government Advocate (Puducherry)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under **Sections 296(b) and 69 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023**, **in Crime No.251 of 2026** on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. This is a case involving a sexual relationship on a false promise of marriage. According to the prosecution, the petitioner and the defacto complainant were neighbours and had been in a love relationship since 2022. On 27.02.2026, the petitioner allegedly took the de facto complainant to an agricultural field and had sexual intercourse with her against her will. Thereafter, he promised to marry her, and the relationship continued with physical intimacy on several subsequent occasions. However, in October 2026, the petitioner married another woman.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent, that 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 relationship between the petitioner and the defacto complainant was long-standing and consensual, and that the present complaint came to be lodged only after the petitioner married another woman. He also submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

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

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

6. It can be seen from the complaint that the relationship between the petitioner and the de facto complainant lasted for more than three years, and even on the prosecution's own case, the physical relationship between the parties continued for several months after the first alleged incident. Furthermore, the case has been registered only for the offence of sexual intercourse by deceitful means and not for rape. Whether the promise of marriage was false from its inception is a matter to be decided during trial. Moreover, the electronic materials can be seized without the custodial interrogation of the petitioner.

7. Considering all the above circumstances and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Puducherry,** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only),** with **two**

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sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety slip (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019]'. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) The petitioner shall surrender his mobile phone, along with all relevant electronic gadgets and other materials, to the respondent police for the purpose of investigation, without making any modifications, deleting or erasing any files, or altering the hash value of the electronic items, within one week from the date of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate.

(d) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of fifteen days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

(e) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions

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have been imposed and the petitioner is released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560];***

(f) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To
1. The Judicial Magistrate-I, Puducherry

2. The Station House Officer
   Thavalakuppam Police Station,
   Puducherry.

3. The Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)
   High Court of Madras

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