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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.30963 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012566292026}

Manikandan ..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By,
The Inspector of Police
All Women Police Station,
Salem Town, Salem.

Crime No.39 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 Crime No.39 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. C.Deepakkumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.09.2026 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 5(l), 5(j)(ii) r/w 6(1) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, in Crime No.39 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, aged about 30 years and a married man having two children, is the neighbour of the victim girl, who is aged about 15 years. It is alleged that the petitioner committed aggravated penetrative sexual assault on the victim girl on several occasions, due to which she became pregnant. Consequently, the present case was registered against the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further undertakes that the petitioner will strictly abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court and will co-operate in the investigation. He further submits that the petitioner has been incarcerated in judicial custody since 03.09.2026. 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 and produced the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 183 of BNSS. She also submits that the investigation in this case is still pending.

5. Considering the nature and gravity of the offence involved in this case and taking note of the fact that the investigation in this case is still pending

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and the statement recorded from the victim girl, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Judge,
   Additional Mahila Court, Salem.

2. The Inspector of Police,
   All Women Police Station,
   Salem Town, Salem.

3. The Superintendent,
   Central Prison, Salem.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court of Madras.

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