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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.11.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL.O.P.No.31834 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012583342026}

Murugaperumal ..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep by, The Station House Officer,
Villianur Police Station,
Puducherry.
Crime No.348/2026. ..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.348 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police, pending investigation police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.P.Yuvaraj

For Respondent : Ms.Djearany Omprakash,
Government Advocate.

ORDER

The petitioner/A3, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on **28.08.2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Sections 308(2), 309(4), 61(2), 109, 127(2), 326(f) and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, r/w Section 3(5) of the BNS, 2023**, in **Crime No.348 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 de-facto complainant runs a rice shop at the Villianur Market Road. On 13.08.2026, at about 06.30 p.m., the first accused (A1) allegedly demanded money from the de facto complainant. When the said demand was resisted, the petitioner/A3 along with three other accused persons conspired together and proceeded towards the market area carrying petrol-filled beer bottles. Upon reaching the market area, one of the accused hurled a petrol bomb towards the shop, while the other accused persons stood guard at the market junction. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that the earlier bail application filed by the petitioner was dismissed by this Court on the ground that the investigation was pending. He highlights that the petitioner has been in continuous judicial custody since 28.08.2026 and contends that since the investigation has now been completed, the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police strongly opposes the grant of bail, highlighting the gravity of the offence involving the usage of a petrol bomb in a public market area. However, he concedes the fact that the investigation in the present case has been completed.

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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Though the earlier bail application was dismissed by this Court on the ground that the investigation was not completed, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from 28.08.2026, and taking note of the vital fact that the investigation has now been completed, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. **In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and 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-VI, Puducherry,** 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;

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[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, and shall not maintain any contact with the witnesses to the occurrence, the officials dealing with the case, or any other person who might be connected to the occurrence;

[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];**

[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-VI, Puducherry.

2. The Superintendent, Central Prison Kalapet, Puducherry.

3. The Station House Officer, Villianur Police Station, Puducherry.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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