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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 OP No. 29295 of 2026

Parthiban,
S/o.Natesan,
No.768, Big Street,
Virinchipuram,
Vellore District. ...Petitioner/Accused No.3

Vs

The State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Virinchipuram Police Station,
Vellore District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No. 221 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner's on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.221 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.E.Kannadasan
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran,
Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 4(3) of Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Law (Amendment) Act 2021 and Section 318(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, in Crime No.221 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/A3, along with the other accused, allegedly conducted a cotton game by collecting money from the public with a promise of returning five times the amount invested. On 30.09.2026, the respondent police, while on patrol duty, intercepted one of the accused, Venkatesan, near the Panchayat Pump Set at Maruthavallipalayam Village, while the petitioner and others allegedly fled from the spot. Based on the statement of Venkatesan, a case was registered against the petitioner and two others.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the case of the prosecution and opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and taking into account the submissions made by both sides and the fact that investigation has almost been completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

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6. 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 No.IV, Vellore,** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only),** with **two 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 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-ship (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 report before the respondent Police daily at 10:30 A.M., for a period of 30 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation

(d) 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

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conditions 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];***

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

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.IV,
Vellore.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Virinchipuram Police Station,
Vellore District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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