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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. 32780 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012599212026}

Sheela
W/o Punithan,
No.5/21, N.S.K. Road, 1st Street,
R.V.Nagar, Kodungaiyur,
Chennai.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. By The Station House Officer
Orleanpet Police Station,
Puducherry.
Crime No.248 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C./482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in the event of arrest in Crime No.248 of 2025 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Oreleanpet Police Station, Puducherrry.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Mohan Raj

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

ORDER

The petitioner who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 318(4) of BNS 2023, **in Crime No.248 of 2026,** on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. It is a case of cheating through a promise of doubling cash. According to the prosecution one Mohamed Rafiq induced the defacto complainant to bring Rs.2 Crore in cash by promising that the amount would be credited to his account within three hours along with an 8% commission. The defacto complainant and his friends went to an office called Pattiyal Angadi, to hand over the money, where 3 women and 2 men were present. One of the women issued a bill voucher along with half of a torn 100-rupee note and then the woman left. Later, a group of men came and attempted to take away the bags containing cash. The complainant and others tried to stop them, however, one person escaped with a bag containing Rs.88 lakhs.

3. It is submitted by the learned Government Advocate (Puducherry) that there are 14 accused in total, of whom 12 have already been arrested. A13 and A14 are still absconding and the present petitioner is arrayed as A13. As far as this petitioner is concerned, the specific overt act attributed to her is that she received Rs.25 lakhs from the said transaction and that the investigation is still pending. She further submitted that out of Rs.2 Crores, only Rs.55 lakhs has been recovered and the remaining amount is yet to be recovered.

4. Considering the above circumstances and the fact that the investigation is still pending and only a sum of Rs.55 lakhs has been recovered out Rs.2 Crores, this Court is not inclined to entertain this petition.

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5. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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To
1. The Station House Officer
Orleanpet Police Station,
Puducherry.

2. The Public Prosecutor (Pudhcherry)
High Court of Madras

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