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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31650 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012604092026}

Manimaran

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep.by, Inspector of Police
Cuddalore NT Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.382 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, pleased to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent Police concerned in Crime No.382 of 2026 pending trial on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R PARTHIBAN

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The Petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 269 of BNS, in Crime No.382 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner did not attend the trial

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Court properly; an NBW is also pending against the petitioner. A case under the SC/ST Act was registered at the police station as Crime No.276/2013 and is currently pending in the Cuddalore SC/ST Court under Section 313, questioning the petitioner. In this case, the accused, who failed to appear in the Cuddalore SC/ST Court without proper reason. The accused absconded and was unable to execute the arrest warrant. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not appeared before the trial Court on 07.08.2026 and hence the NBW was issued and he was subsequently arrested and released on bail. The learned counsel further submitted that hereafter the petitioner will appear before the Court regularly and will cooperate with the trial for speedy disposal of the matter. Hence, the learned counsel prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is facing trial in S.C.No.39 of 2019 on the file of the learned District Court, Cuddalore, has failed to appear before the trial Court, the trial Court has issued a NBW against the petitioner and based on which, petitioner was arrested and subsequently enlarged on bail. He further submitted that the case is posted for judgment on 06.11.2026. However, he

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vehemently opposed to grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record including the First Information Report.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the respondent has filed final report, custody of the petitioner is not required in this case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Cuddalore** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their

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photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.II, Cuddalore daily at 10:30 a.m., for a period of 15 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the 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)AIR SCW 5560].

[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 Court No.II, Cuddalore.

2.The Inspector of Police
Cuddalore NT Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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