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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 31689 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012608812026}

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Thavamurugan
S/o Sethupathi,
No.47, Sakthi Illam,
Balaji Nagar, Sothupakkam,
Melamaruvathur,
Chengalpattu District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State, rep. by The Inspector of Police
AWPS Melmaruvathur Police Station,
Chengalpattu District.
Crime No.76 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the Petitioner on Anticipatory Bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.76 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police and thus render justice.

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

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The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 296(b), 115(ii) and 351(i) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 11(i) r/w 12 of the POCSO Act, 2012 in Crime No.76 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, who was working as a driver at G.B. Public School, Melmaruvathur, allegedly made inappropriate gestures towards a minor girl studying in Class VIII. When her father questioned him, the petitioner allegedly abused and threatened the child's parents along with another person, namely Murali. It is further alleged that during a school excursion on 30.09.2026, Murali behaved in an intimidating manner towards the minor child, causing fear and distress. On 15.10.2026, the child again informed her mother about the petitioner's alleged inappropriate gestures. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

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6. Considering the statement of the victim child recorded under Section 183 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS), and the specific allegations made against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To
1. The Inspector of Police
AWPS Melmaruvathur Police Station,
Chengalpattu District.
Crime No.76 of 2026

2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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