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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP Nos. 31733, 32205 & 32246 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012615852026}

Case QR

Vel Murugan Venkatesan

.. Petitioner in
Crl.OP.No.31733 of 2026

Ganesan

.. Petitioner in
Crl.OP.No.32205 of 2026

Sathish

.. Petitioner in
Crl.OP.No.32246 of 2026

Vs

The State rep. by, The Inspector of Police
K.V.Kuppam Police Station,
K.V.Kuppam, Vellore District.
Crime No.196 of 2026.

..Respondent in all
Crl.Ops.

COMMON PRAYER : Criminal Original Petitions filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the Petitioners on bail in pending investigation in Cr.No.196 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police,K.V.Kuppam Police Station,K.V.Kuppam,Vellore District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Vinodhkumar
(in Crl.OP.Nos.31733 & 32205 of 2026)

Mr.G.Somasekar
(in Crl.OP.No.32246 of 2026)

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I. Khaleel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)
(in all Crl.Ops.)

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COMMON ORDER

The petitioner/A3 was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.10.2026 and the petitioners/A4 & A5 were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 10.10.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 179 & 180 of BNS Act, 2023 in Crime No.196 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 08.10.2026, A1/Murugan went to the liquor shop and gave ten counterfeit currency notes of Rs.100/- denomination to the salesman for purchasing liquor. On verification, the salesman found the notes to be counterfeit and informed the defacto complainant. Upon enquiry, 77 more counterfeit currency notes of Rs.100/- denomination were allegedly found in the possession of A1. Thus, totally 87 counterfeit currency notes were allegedly seized from him. Based on the confession of A1, the petitioner herein was arrested. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been charged for the aforesaid offences and remanded to judicial custody. He further submitted that only based on the confession of the arrested accused/A1, the petitioners were added as an accused in the present case. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any

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stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioners.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent filed a detailed counter and submitted that the petitioners had obtained counterfeit currencies from A4/Ganesan and used the same to purchase liquor. He further submitted that the petitioners had handed over Rs.8,700/- in counterfeit currencies to A1/Murugan, who was subsequently caught while attempting to purchase liquor using the said currencies. He further submitted that there are totally five accused and the petitioners are arrayed as A3, A4 and A5. No recovery has been made from the petitioners and they were implicated in the case only based on the confession statements of the arrested accused. He further submitted that A5/Sathish has one previous case pending against him and that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court is of the view that the petitioners are arrayed as A3 to A5 and no recovery has been effected from them. It is also seen that their implication in

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the case is based on the confession statements of the arrested accused. Further, considering the nature of the allegations, stage of the investigation and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, K.V.Kuppam,** and on further conditions that:

[a] 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 the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed

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and the petitioners 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, K.V.Kuppam.

2. The Inspector of Police
K.V.Kuppam Police Station,
K.V.Kuppam, Vellore District.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Vellore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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