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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. 32021 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012625672026}

Kamalanathan

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep by the Deputy Superintendent of police
Rialways, Egmore Sub Division, Chennai
(Crime no 482 of 2025 on the file of the SSI of
police, Railway Police station, Mambalam,
Chennai-600033)

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation and trial in crime no.480 of 2025 on the file of the SSi of police, Railway police station, Mambalam, Chennai-600033.

For Petitioner(s): M.K.Sathish
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 194(3) of BNS, 2023 @ 80 of BNS in Crime No.480 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with his mother, harassed his wife and demanded dowry and cash, thereby causing

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severe mental agony to the deceased. Consequently, the victim jumped before a moving train, sustaining grievous injuries. After undergoing treatment as an inpatient for six days, she succumbed to her injuries. Hence, the present case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the deceased was suffering from mental illness, which was the actual cause of her death. He contended that the petitioner is innocent, has been falsely implicated, and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of bail.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail. Upon instructions, he reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are severe allegations of dowry harassment against the petitioner.

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

6.Although the alleged occurrence took place in the year 2025, and the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) enquiry report dated 21.07.2026 explicitly

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states that the death was due to dowry harassment meted out by the petitioner and his mother, this Court, taking into account the timeline of the incident, the fact that the petitioner was arrested subsequent to the RDO report on 18.09.2026, his ongoing period of judicial custody, and the overall facts and circumstances of the case, is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned IX Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet,** 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

[d] the petitioner 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 petitioner in accordance with

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law as if the aforementioned 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)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 IX Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet.

2. The Deputy Superintendent of police
Rialways, Egmore Sub Division, Chennai.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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