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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. 32089 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012630292026}

Case QR

Pavunraj
S/o.Raja,
3/370, M.Thanda,
Sunjalnatham, Pennagaram Taluk,
Dharmapuri District-636810.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police
Eriyur Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
Crime No.214 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.214 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.T.L.Chandar

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

ORDER

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 105, 238 of the Bharatiya

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Nyaya Sanhita,2023, in Crime No.214 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the deceased Sridhar went missing on 29.09.2026 and was subsequently found dead with electrocution injuries near Thangavel's land on 01.10.2026. The prosecution alleges that A1 behaved suspiciously when questioned and that A3 had installed an illegal electric fence, which allegedly caused the deceased's death. Hence, a case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused has already been released on bail by this Court in Crl.OP.No.30331 of 2026 dated 26.10.2026. He also further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) strongly opposed the bail petition, submitting that the deceased was found dead due to electrocution and that A3 had allegedly installed the illegal electric fence. He further submitted that the circumstances surrounding the occurrence raised suspicion against the accused. Hence, he sought dismissal of the bail petition.

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

6. The allegation against the petitioner is that he, along with other accused chased the deceased towards an agricultural field, where an unauthorised electric fence had allegedly been erected, and the deceased came into contact with the electrified fence and died due to electrocution. The petitioner has been arrayed as A1. It is stated by the learned counsel for the petitioner that A2 has already been granted bail by this Court. The petitioner has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2026 and that the investigation is still pending. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and the co-accused has already been granted bail, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain 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 each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship

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[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 acc with 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 Judicial Magistrate, Pennagaram,
Dharmapuri District.

2. The Inspector of Police
Eriyur Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.

3.The Superintendent, District Prison,
Dharmapuri.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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