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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. 32174 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012637672026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. by, The Forest Range Oficer
Odugathur FRO,
Vellore District.
W.L.O.R.No.07 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 W.L.O.R.No.07 of 2026 pendign investigation on the file of the Respondent Police.

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

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 14.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 21(1)(2) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, r/w. 51 of Wild Life Protection Act 1972, in W.L.O.R.No.07 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 13.10.2026, during patrol duty in the Arasampattu Reserved Forest area, the petitioner was allegedly found hunting birds with a country-made gun. Upon a search conducted by the police, gunpowder, pellets, a knife, and three dead birds were seized from his bag. Hence, the present case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 14.10.2026 and is fully ready to cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, he prayed for the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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 but submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases pending against him.

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. Considering the nature of the allegations, the fact that the petitioner has no adverse criminal antecedents, and the period of incarceration already undergone by him, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions.

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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 Judicial Magistrate-III, Vellore,** 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., and 05.30 p.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 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];**

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[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-III, Vellore.

2. The Forest Range Oficer
Odugathur FRO,
Vellore District.
W.L.O.R.No.07 of 2026.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Vellore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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