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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32516 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012649532026}

Karthik
S/o Gopal,
No.53 C, Ambedkar Nagar,
Palladam Road,
Tiruppur.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. by, The Inspector of Police
15-Velampalayam Police Station,
Tiruppur District.
Crime No.432 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to order enlarge the Petitioner on bail in connection with a case in Cr.No.432 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Subash

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.10.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 74 and 75 of BNS read with Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act, 2002 in Crime No.432 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, while riding his motor cycle, sexually harassed the defacto complainant by touching her back. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an unskilled worker employed in the Tiruppur City Corporation and is assigned sanitary work in the area where the defacto complainant resides. He further submitted that the defacto complainant's husband is working as a Police Constable and that, when they asked the petitioner to send sanitary workers to clean the drainage in front of their house, the petitioner refused, resulting in a wordy quarrel between them. Taking advantage of the situation, and by misusing her husband's influence, the defacto complainant lodged a false complaint against the petitioner. He 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. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the nature of the allegation, the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him, 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 No.III, Tiruppur,** 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., for a period of 10 days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[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;

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[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];**

[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 No.III,
Tiruppur.

2. The Inspector of Police
15-Velampalayam Police Station,
Tiruppur District.

3.The Superintendent,
Sub Jail, Tiruppur.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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