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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.O.P.No.32333 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012653672026}

Sourav Ghorai

..Petitioner

Vs

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The State Rep by The Inspector of Police,
W-8, AWPS - Thirumangalam Police Station,
Chennai District.
Crime No.41 of 2026.

..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner/Accused on bail in Crime No.41 of 2026 on the file of the All Women Police Station, Thirumangalam, Chennai, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Section 78(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, Sections 67A and 66E of the Information Technology Act 2000, and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 1998, on such terms and conditions as this Court may deem fit and proper.

For Petitioner : Mr.Hemanth Raj T
For Respondent : Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.side).

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The petitioner was arrested and has been in judicial custody since 10.09.2026 in connection with Crime No.41 of 2026 for offences punishable under Section 78(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, Sections 66E and 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, 1998.

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2. The gist of the allegation is that the de-facto complainant, one Kaveri Kumari, who is serving as a GST Inspector, lodged a complaint alleging that rumors concerning her dressing sense were circulated, her WhatsApp chats and photographs were illicitly obtained, and the petitioner threatened to upload her photographs into an official group. It is further alleged that the petitioner held out a threat to commit suicide.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in continuous incarceration for nearly two months since 10.09.2026 and that the investigation has substantially progressed. It is further submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the grant of bail considering the nature of the allegations involving the harassment of a woman official.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, and more particularly, the period of judicial custody undergone by the petitioner from 10.09.2026, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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6. 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 **Additional Mahila Court, Egmore,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix his 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 his identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10:30 A.M. until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall neither contact nor disturb the de-facto complainant, nor indulge in any illegal activity, failing which the bail granted herein shall stand automatically dismissed.

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

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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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[g] 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 Additional Mahila Court, Egmore.

2. The Superintendent of Police,
Central Prison, Puzhal – II.

3. The Inspector of Police,
W-8, AWPS - Thirumangalam Police Station,
Chennai District.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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