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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32421 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012657912026}

Chandru
S/o Jayakumar,
No.18, Karumariyamman Koil Street,
Poonamallee, Tiruvallur District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Poonamalle All Women Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.
Crime No. 23 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS praying to enlarge this petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.23 of 2026 pending on the file of the Poonamallee All Women Police Station, Tiruvallur District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Rajadurai

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 offences punishable under **Sections 7 read with Section 8 of POCSO Act** in Crime No. 23 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. It is a case of sexual assault against the victim girl aged about 15 years. According to the prosecution, on 13.09.2026, the petitioner, who is the School Van driver, drove the van and took the victim to a meeting and on the way back, he stopped the vehicle and pressed her breast and kissed her. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further undertakes that the petitioner will strictly abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court and will co-operate with the investigation.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent state strongly opposes the grant of bail and submitted that the investigation in this case has been completed and charge sheet is ready and yet to be filed.

5. . Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from **01.10.2026 and** the fact that the investigation in this case has been completed, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner, subject to strict conditions to ensure his presence during investigation and trial.

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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 Sessions Judge, Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Thiruvallur,** 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. for a period of 15 dyas 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;

[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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[g] the petitioner shall file an affidavit before the trial Court that he will not seen in the vicinity of the child and he will not any away threaten the victim girl or her family members.

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1.Sessions Judge, Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Thiruvallur

2. The Inspector of Police
Poonamalle All Women Police Station,
Tiruvallur District.

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

4. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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