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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. 32561 of 2026

S.P.Thiruragavan,
S/o.Srisakthi,
No.233, 3rd Cross Street,
P.P.Garden, Aminjikarai,
Chennai-600 029. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State rep by its,
The Inspector of Police,
K8, Arumbakkam Police Station,
Chennai. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.513 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail pending investigation in Crime No.513 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Kamal K

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

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 75(1)(iii), 77, 79, BNS Act and 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women (amendment) Act, 2002, in Crime No.513 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction, in brief, is that the petitioner allegedly morphed the photographs of the de-facto complainant, a third-year B.Sc Computer Science student, by incorporating obscene images, which she noticed on the mobile phone of one Thiruragavan. Hence, she lodged a complaint before the respondent police, based on which the present FIR 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 petitioner has been in judicial custody since 23.10.2026. 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. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the respondent police had recovered the mobile phone and laptop of the petitioner and the same had been sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for examination. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the fact that the mobile phone and laptop have already been recovered and sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory for examination and the further fact that the petitioner has been in custody for a considerable period, 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 him 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 V Metropolitan Magistrate at Egmore, Chennai,** 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., 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

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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 V Metropolitan Magistrate,
Egmore, Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
K8, Arumbakkam Police Station,
Chennai.

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

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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