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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 32899 of 2026

Senthilnadhan,
S/o.Kuppusamy,
Perumal Kovil Street,
Walajapet Taluk,
Ranipet District. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State rep by:
The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet A.W. Police Station,
Ranipet District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.13 of 2023)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.13 of 2023 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Sankarasubbu (through Video Conferencing) for Mr.K.Kesavan

For Respondent(s): Mr.Durai Gunasekaran, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.09.2025 for the alleged offence under Sections 363, 366, 376(2)(n), 506(2) of IPC and Section 5(1), 6(1) of POCSO Act, in Crime No.13 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the de-facto complainant's minor daughter is a school student and the petitioner, who was teaching her Chemistry at a tuition centre, had sexually assaulted her on several occasions under coercion and had also threatened her. Hence, the case.

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 03.09.2025. 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 de-facto complainant's minor daughter is a school student and the petitioner, who was teaching her Chemistry at a tuition centre, had sexually assaulted her on several occasions under coercion and had also threatened her. He further submitted that 11 witnesses have been examined sofar. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. It is submitted that the petitioner was absconding for nearly two years and was arrested only on 03.09.2025. He has been in judicial custody since

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then. It is further submitted that there has been no significant progress in the investigation and that the charge sheet is yet to be filed in the Special S.C.No.156 of 2025, despite the petitioner having been in custody since 03.09.2025. On being questioned about the stage of trial, it was submitted that the charge sheet is to be filed.

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

7. Considering the long period of incarceration and the fact that charge sheet is yet to be filed, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

8. 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 Sessions Division of Ranipet District, Ranipet,** 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;

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[b] the petitioner shall report before the Trial Court 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 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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1.The Sessions Division of Ranipet District,
Ranipet.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet A.W. Police Station,
Ranipet District.

3.The Superintendent,
District Jail, Nagapattinam.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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