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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.O.P.No.32601 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012674482026}

Praveenkumar ..Petitioner

Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police,
CCW Thiruvallur,
Thiruvallur District.
Crime No.55/2026. ..Respondent

PRAYER: To enlarge the petitioner/Accused on bail in connection with Crime No.55/2026 on the file of the respondent police and pass such further or other orders which this Court may deem fit in the interest of justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Kaveriselvam

For Respondent : Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel,
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.55 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the alleged offences under Section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 66D of the Information Technology Act. The petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.10.2026.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the de facto complainant was contacted by an unknown person claiming to be an official from the Federal Bank, who dishonestly obtained his bank account and ATM card details under the pretext of providing banking assistance. Subsequently, the accused persons fraudulently misused the ATM card and withdrew money from the complainant's bank account. Hence, the case.

3. The subsequent investigation further revealed that a relative of the complainant had utilized his Aadhaar card and SIM card to facilitate the activation of a bank account. Through Accused No.2, this account was systematically utilized to channel funds generated from cyber frauds. Information was subsequently received by the de-facto complainant from the Cyber Police, Bangalore, stating that there are as many as 13 National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) complaints recorded in respect of the said account, which has since been frozen/closed. The illicit ATM withdrawals from this account were allegedly paid to Accused No.3 (A3) Jeyapal. The petitioner herein was subsequently implicated on the ground that financial transactions were observed between the said Jeyapal (A3) and the petitioner.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated. He contends that the petitioner had genuine, independent loan transactions with the said Jeyapal, and the money received into his account was purely towards the partial repayment

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of the said pre-existing loan. He further points out that the petitioner has no direct nexus with the cyber fraud syndicate and has been suffering continuous judicial custody since 09.10.2026. He also draws attention to the fact that the primary accused (A1) in this very case has already been granted Anticipatory Bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.30704 of 2026 vide order dated 30.10.2026, and that the petitioner's bail application was turned down by the Sessions Court only recently on 05.11.2026. Hence, he prays for the grant of bail on the ground of parity and change in circumstances.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent opposes the grant of bail, highlighting the systemic nature of the cyber financial fraud and the tracking of 13 NCRP complaints against the core account. However, he does not dispute the factual position that A1 has already been protected with anticipatory bail by this Court and that the petitioner has been in custody for more than a month.

6. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent, and perused the materials available on record.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the specific defense raised by the petitioner regarding the independent loan repayment transactions with A3, and the fact that the co-accused (A1) has already been granted enlargement on anticipatory bail by this Court on 30.10.2026, this Court

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is of the opinion that the petitioner can be enlarged on bail, as the principal links in the transaction are documented and the petitioner has undergone a significant period of incarceration since 09.10.2026.

8. 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 – II, Tiruvallur,** 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 his 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 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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[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 – II, Tiruvallur.

2. The Inspector of Police, CCW Thiruvallur, Thiruvallur District.

3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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