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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 34147 of 2026

Ragul,
S/o.Pazhani,
No.41/1, Sanathiyamman Koil Street,
Pudupet, Palanipet, Arakkonam Taluk,
Ranipet District. ...Petitioner/Accused-4

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Police Station,
Ranipet District. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.226 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.226 of 2026, on the file of the Inspector of Police, Arakkonam Police Station, Ranipet District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Chandrasekar

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 07.05.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 126(2), 191(2), 191(3), 115(2), 118(1), 296(b), 109(1), 351(3), 103(1) BNS Act 2023, in Crime No.226 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. It is a case of murder arising out of previous enmity. The petitioner is arrayed of murder arising out of previous enmity. The petitioner is arrayed as A4. According to the prosecution, on 06.05.2026 at about 04.45p.m., when the de-facto complainant and the deceased went to a fried rice shop, A1, along with the other accused, including the petitioner, abused the deceased in filthy language and attacked him with a knife on his head, thereby causing his death. 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 07.05.2026. He also further submitted that no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner and he 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 petitioner/A4, along with the other accused, due to previous enmity, attacked the deceased with a knife on his head, resulting in his death. He further submitted that the investigation is completed and the case is pending committal, with the next hearing date fixed as 19.11.2026. Hence, he strongly opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the fact that no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner/A4, and the further fact that the investigation has been completed, 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 Judicial Magistrate No.1, Arakkaonam,** 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 twice daily at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30p.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;

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[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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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate-I,
Arakkonam.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Police Station,
Ranipet District.

3.The Superintendent,
District Prison, Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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