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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 33079 of 2026

S.Santhoshkumar,
S/o.Sankar,
No.10/10, Adhisheshan Nagar,
2nd street,
Perambur,
Chennai-600 012. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
P-2 Otteri Police Station,
Pulianthope District, Chennai. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.430 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail in connection with Crime No.430 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Gnanasekar

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 26.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 194(3)(iii) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, in Crime No.430 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. Its a case of unnatural death of a young married woman who was eight months pregnant. The petitioner is her husband.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the deceased was allegedly subjected to dowry-related cruelty and harassment by the petitioner. On 24.10.2026, the deceased allegedly died by suicide by hanging at her matrimonial hom. The respondent police registered a case in connection with her death. Hence, the case.

4. 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 26.10.2026. 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.

5. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that R.D.O enquiry is still pending. He further submitted that the investigation is in progress. Hence, he strongly opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the stage of investigation, 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 X Metropolitan Magistrate Court, 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;

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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 X Metropolitan Magistrate Court,
Egmore, Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
P-2 Otteri Police Station,
Pulianthope District, Chennai.

3.The Superintendent,
Puzhal Prison No.II.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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