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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 33740 of 2026

Somnath Hazarika,
S/o.Jogan,
Melong Mellupur Village and Post
Jorhant District
Assam. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ponnerikarai Police Station,
Kancheepuram District. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.86 of 2026

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail in S.C.No.199 of 2026 in Crime No.86 of 2026 pending for Trial before the Principal District & District Judge, Kancheepuram.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Murugan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.05.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 103(1) of BNS, in Crime No.86 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/accused, along with other accused, allegedly attacked the deceased with a knife and caused his death. During the course of investigation, a knife was recovered from the petitioner. The petitioner is alleged to have actively participated in the commission of the murder. Hence, the case was registered for the offence of murder.

3. The learned counsel appearing 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 25.05.2026. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the this is a case of murder, the petitioner allegedly attacked the deceased with a knife, which was recovered from him, and the earlier bail application was dismissed by this Court. He further submitted that the petitioner is a native of another State and there is every likelihood of his absconding if enlarged on bail. Hence, he strongly opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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5. Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations, the specific overt act attributed to the petitioner, the recovery of the weapon allegedly used in the commission of the offence and the fact that the earlier bail application was dismissed by this Court, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Ponnerikarai Police Station,
Kancheepuram District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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