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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. 33717 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012739572026}

G.Boopathi @ Pichandavar
S/o Govindan,
Residing at,
Tiyagadurugam,
Kallakuruchi.

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep by, The Station House Officer
All Women Police Station,
Thirukovilur, Kallakurichi.
Crime No.69 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.69 of 2026 on the file of Station House Officer, All Women Police Station, Thirukoilur and Kallakurichi.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.A.Tamizhi

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 296(b) of BNS r/w Section 7 & 8 of POCSO Act, in Crime No. 69 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 had sexually assaulted the victim girl, aged 17 years. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 08.10.2026 and that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. 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 victim is aged 17 years, whereas the petitioner is aged 33 years. He also produced the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183 of BNSS. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. The victim is aged 17 years, whereas the petitioner is aged 33 years. The initial complaint was given by the sister of the victim and FIR was registered under Section 7 and 8 of POCSO r/w 296(b) of BNS. This Court has perused the statement of the victim, in which she has denied the allegation

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against the petitioner. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, statement of the victim girl and the period of incarceration already undergone, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail subject to certain conditions.

7. 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, Sankarapuram, Kallakurichi District,** 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 as and when required for interrogation;

[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

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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, Sankarapuram, Kallakurichi District.

2. The Station House Officer
All Women Police Station,
Thirukovilur, Kallakurichi.

3.The Superintendent,
Vedampattu Central Jail,
Villupuram.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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