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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. 34112 of 2026

Amudhan,
S/o.Arumugam,
No.2, Angalamman Koil Street,
Pillaiyar Kuppampet,
Pondicherry-607 402. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police, (L&O),
Kirumambakkam Police Station,
Puducherry. ...Respondent/Complainant
Crime No.6 of 2026

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the accused/petitioner on bail pending trial in S.C.No.185 of 2026 on the file of learned III Additional Sessions Judge, Puducherry.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.U.Yuvaraj

For Respondent(s): M/s.G.D.Jearany Omprakash,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.06.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 191(2), 61(1), 49, 103(1), 351(2), 61(2)(a) @ 3(1) & 127(2) of BNS. Later, he was remanded to judicial custody by the learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Cuddalore on the same day. In this case he was produced before the learned III Additional Sessions Judge,

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Puducherry in P.T.Warrant based on the Non-Bailable warrant pending against the petitioner on 25.06.2026 for the offence under Section 147,148,341,302,201,212,120(B) & 109 IPC r/w.Sec.149 IPC & Sec.3 & 4 of the Explosive Substances Act.

2. The case pertains to a murder committed in the year 2020. Due to his continuous non-appearance before the Court, a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) was issued against him on 28.09.2022. Thereafter, he remained absconding for approximately four years. Subsequently, he was produced before the Court on a Prisoner Transit Warrant (P.T. Warrant) on 25.06.2026 and was remanded to judicial custody in connection with the present case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that, in the year 2022, the petitioner was allegedly attacked by the co-accused and, apprehending a threat to his life, he could not appear before the Court for the past four years. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed that the petitioner may be enlarged on bail.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the case is now posted for framing of charges. He further submitted that the petitioner is arrayed as A1 in the present case and has 15 previous cases to his credit. Considering the petitioner's criminal antecedents and the gravity of the offence, he strongly opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations, the criminal antecedents of the petitioner, who is involved in 15 previous cases, and the fact that he remained absconding for nearly four years despite the issuance of a Non-Bailable Warrant, this Court is of the view that the explanation offered by the petitioner that he apprehended a threat to his life following an alleged attack by the co-accused cannot, by itself, be considered a valid justification for his prolonged non-appearance before the Court. In view of the above circumstances, 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, (L&O),
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Puducherry.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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