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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. 33761 of 2026

Deepika,
W/o.Manjesh,
No.12, 7th Cross Street,
Gaingaiyamman Nagar,
Maduravoyal,
Chennai-600 095. ...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The Inspector of Police
T-4, Maduravoyal Police Station,
Chennai. ...Respondent/Complainant
Cr.No.787 of 2026.

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Cr.No.787 of 2026 on the file of the T-4 Maduravoyal Police Station.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Ashokkumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.09.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 306 of BNS Act, in Crime No.787 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.12.2024, when the de-facto complainant had gone to attend a function at Krishna Nagar, 13th Street, Door No.143, she found, upon returning home, that two sovereigns of gold jewellery were missing. The theft came to light on 17.09.2026, based on which the complaint was lodged. The petitioner was arrested on 29.09.2026, and only three sovereigns of gold jewellery were recovered. 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 29.09.2026. 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.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner was arrested on 29.09.2026 and that only three sovereigns of gold jewellery had been recovered so far. He further submitted that the investigation is pending. 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.

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6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner and the fact that only three sovereigns of gold jewellery have been recovered, 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 her 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.II, Poonamallee,** 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;

[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

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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 No.II,
   Poonamallee.

2. The Inspector of Police
   T-4, Maduravoyal Police Station,
   Chennai.

3.The Superintendent,
   Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
  High Court, Madras.

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