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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 33714 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012759742026}

Case QR

Umapriya
D/o Thangaraj,
No.2/491, Devendhirapuram,
N.Kosavampatti,
Namakkal District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. by, The Inspector of Police
Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
The Nilgiris.
Crime No.07 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS praying to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in Cr.No.07 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent and pass such further or other order and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Elangovan

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I.Khaleel
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on **03.11.2026** for the alleged offences punishable under **Section 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988** in Crime No. 07 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks regular bail.

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2. It is a case of Village Administrative Officer demanding bribe. According to the case of the prosecution, the petitioner, Village Administrative Officer demanded Rs.1,25,000/- from the defacto complainant to process the patta transfer. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner only asked for legal heir certificate and other related documents to process the patta application and there was no money transfer at all. He further undertakes that the petitioner will strictly abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court and will co-operate with the investigation.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent state strongly opposes the grant of bail.

5. It is seen that the case is one under Section 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act and the recorded conversation and office records are with the police. Furthermore, petitioner is a young women having no previous case. It was stated that the petitioner's grandmother died today morning. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner from **03.11.2026** and also the fact that the petitioner has no previous case, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the

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petitioner, subject to strict conditions to ensure his presence during investigation and trial.

6. 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 Principal Sessions Judge, Nilgiris at Udhagamandalam,** and on further conditions that:

> [a] the sureties shall affix his 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 his identity;
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> (b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10:30 A.M., for a period of thirty days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;
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> [c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;
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> [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 accordance 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

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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. Principal Sessions Judge, Nilgiris at Udhagamandalam

2. The Inspector of Police
Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
The Nilgiris.

3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor, Madras High Court.

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