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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. 34115 of 2026

M.Shalini,
C/o.Murugan,
'A' Block No.1, Ranganathapuram,
Korukkupet, Chennai-21. ...Petitioner/Accused-5

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
C-1, Flower Bazaar Police Station,
Chennai. ...Respondent/Complainant
(Crime No.209 of 2026)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Cr.No.209 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj

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

For Intervenor : Mr.K.Babu

O R D E R

The Petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 309(4), 310(2), 317(2) of BNS, in Crime No.209 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the proseuction is that 19 accused persons conspired and waylaid the de-facto complainant and his employee while they were carrying Rs.35 lakhs for deposit in a bank, assaulted them and robbed the cash. During investigation, the petitioners were implicated based on the confession statements of the co-accused. So far, only Rs.8 lakhs has been recovered, and the remaining amount is yet to be 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 17.10.2026. 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 petitioners actively participated in the robbery of Rs.36 lakhs. He further submitted that only Rs.8 lakhs has been recovered so far, the remaining Rs.28 lakhs is yet to be recovered, and the investigation is still pending. He also submitted that A5's earlier bail petition was dismissed on 29.10.2026 and that A18 is having one previous case. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and the fact that the investigation has progressed to a considerable extent, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, 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 VIII Metropolitan Magistrate, George Town, Chennai,** 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;
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> **[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police twice daily at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30p.m., until further orders;**
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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;

[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 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 VIII Metropolitan Magistrate,
George Town, Chennai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
C-1, Flower Bazaar Police Station,
Chennai.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison for Women, Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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