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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. 34138 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012785112026}

Case QR

Makeshwari @ Lalitha
W/o Dass @ Kalidas,
Presently residing at
Anna Nagar, Edakudi,
Manchanallur Taluk,
Trichy District.

Permanently residing at
Anna Nagar, Koviloor,
Karaikudi, Sivagangai District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented By, The Inspector of Police
Melmalaiyanur Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No. 257/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge bail to the petitioner pending investigation in Crime NO. 257 of 2026 on the file of respondent police and pass such further or other order as it may be deem fit and proper in the above Circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.Palanisamy

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on

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11.10.2026 for the alleged offence under Section 304(2) of BNS, Act 2023 in Crime No.257 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that while the de facto complainant was standing in a queue to worship the Goddess at Melmalaiyanur Temple, the petitioner snatched her gold chain weighing three sovereigns. Hence, the present case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police strongly objected to the bail application and submitted that the petitioner has one previous cases pending against him and that the stolen property was recovered. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. It is a case of chain snatching. The petitioner has one previous case. The property has been recovered, the investigation has been completed, and the charge sheet has been filed. Though it was alleged that the petitioner had

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initially furnished an incorrect address to the respondent police, it is now submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has produced his Aadhaar card showing his permanent address in the bail petition and is also ready to furnish all necessary details to the police. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and the fact that the property was recovered from the petitioner, and further considering the period of incarceration already undergone by him, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to certain conditions.

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 Judicial Magistrate, Gingee,** 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;

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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 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 Judicial Magistrate, Gingee.

2. The Inspector of Police
Melmalaiyanur Police Station,
Villupuram District.

3.The Superintendent,
Women Sub Jail, Villupuram.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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