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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. 34449 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012814602026}

U. Senthil Kumar

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented By, The Inspector of Police
CCW- Chennai North,
Tondiarpet, CCD-1, Chennai.
Crime No 9 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail in Crime NO. 9 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Jaisivaramaraj

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.11.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, read with Section 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2000, in Crime No.9 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2.It is a case of online part-time job fraud. According to the prosecution, the defacto complainant was lured on Telegram to rate restaurants for money and lost a total sum of Rs.11,64,346/- across nine payments. It is alleged that one of the payments, amounting to Rs.1,47,296/-, was transferred to a jewellery shop at Pudukkottai, where the petitioner, on the direction of one Nagaraj, collected the jewellery in the defacto complainant's name and handed it over. Hence, the present case came to be registered.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no money came into the petitioner's bank account and that he merely collected the jewels on the instructions of other persons. He further submits that, in order to show his *bona fides*, the petitioner has voluntarily come forward to deposit a sum of Rs.1,47,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Forty Seven Thousand Only) to the credit of Crime No.9 of 2026. Hence, he prayed for the 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 accused contacted the defacto complainant through Telegram app and offered part-time job. The role involved is rating the restaurants on

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Google Maps with 5 stars. The defacto complainant was given certain tasks and asked to make advance payments. Believing their words, the defacto complainant paid a sum of Rs.11,64,346/-. However, the accused have not given any return and cheated the defacto complainant. He further submitted that the petitioner is the First Layer account holder and received a sum of Rs.1,47,296/- through his account. He also submitted that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

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

6.Considering the submissions made on either side, the voluntary undertaking given by the petitioner to deposit a sum of Rs.1,47,000/-, and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner since 07.11.2026, 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 his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand**

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only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai**, and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Suretyship [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 deposit a sum of **Rs.1,47,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Forty Seven Thousand Only)** to the credit of **Crime No.9 of 2026** before the **learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai**, at the time of executing the bail bond, without prejudice to his defence before the Trial Court;

[c] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police **daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of one week** and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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 ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala*** [(2005) 13 SCC 283];

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[g] 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 XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet.

2.The Inspector of Police
CCW- Chennai North,
Tondiarpet, CCD-1, Chennai.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal.

4.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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