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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. 34628 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012820122026}

Sunil Rai Reang
S/o Sonjoy Reang,
Ganchirampara,
Central Catchment R.F.,
North Tripura, Tripura.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
Chettipalayam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.357 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.357 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Muthamizhselvakumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.09.2026 for the alleged offences under Section 194 of BNSS, 2023 @ Sections 103(2) and 238 of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.357 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioners are arrayed as A2 and that all the accused and the deceased were friends and working as a labourers at a construction site. Due to a dispute over the supply of liquor and payment of Rs.1,500/-, all six accused allegedly assaulted the deceased, resulting in his death. Thereafter, they allegedly crushed his head with stones, buried the body in a pit and destroyed the evidence. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the co-accused/A5 and A6 have already been granted bail by this Court in Crl.OP.No.33272 of 2026 dated 16.11.2026. He further submitted that the petitioners are innocents and have been falsely implicated in the present case and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for the grant of bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent opposes the bail petition. The specific overt act against the petitioner is that he attacked the deceased with wooden log and pulled down in the ground. He further submits that the investigation is still pending.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record, including the case diary.

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6. It is a case of murder of a co-worker over liquor. The petitioner is arrayed as A2. According to the prosecution, a quarrel arose when the deceased demanded liquor from A1 but was given only two bottles. In the said quarrel, A2 and A4 allegedly attacked the deceased with wooden logs, while A1, A3 and A4 allegedly crushed his head with stones. Subsequently, the body was buried in a pit at a temple construction site. The petitioner was arrested on 08.09.2026 and has been in judicial custody since then. The investigation is still pending.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the specific overt act of crushing the deceased's head is attributed only to A1, A3 and A4, whereas the specific overt act attributed to the petitioner/A2 is that he attacked the deceased with a wooden log. It was further submitted that the co-accused/A4 and A5 have already been enlarged on bail by this Court. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of the investigation and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, 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 his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Madhukkarai,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left

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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 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];**

[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 District Munsif cum Judicial
Magistrate Court, Madhukkarai.

2. The Inspector of Police
Chettipalayam Police Station,
Coimbatore.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Coimbatore.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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