



CrI.O.P.No.35240 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.35240 of 2025

and

CrI.M.P.No.24787 of 2025

Magam Vinay Vardhan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Commissioner of Police
Office of the Commissionerate,
Vepery,
Chennai 600 007

2.The State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police
Central Crime Branch-1,
Job Rocketing Investigation Wing,
Vepery, Chennai 600 007

...Respondents

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita/Section 482 Cr.P.C., to issue a direction to the
respondents to cancel the Lookout Notice issued against the Petitioner / 2nd
Accused Passport No.T9699380 in Crime No.16 of 2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.John Sathiyar, Senior Counsel
for Mr.R.Jayaprakash

For Respondents : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to cancel the Lookout Notice issued against the petitioner (Passport No.T9699380) in Crime No.16 of 2025.

2. The learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been arrayed as 2nd Accused in Crime No.16 of 2025 registered by the respondent police for the offence under Section 420 read with 34 of IPC. The petitioner has been implicated based on the confession statement of A1. He further submitted that the petitioner is engaged in his own business in Portugal and is holding a residence permit to stay there. While so, when the petitioner returned to India on 30.07.2025 to attend the final rites of his mother, he was arrested at the airport and remanded to judicial custody.

3. The learned Senior Counsel further submitted that the petitioner was later released on bail and in lieu of the bail conditions, he has deposited a sum of Rs.1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only) before the learned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, CCB Court, Egmore, Chennai. He further submitted that a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed and that the petitioner has also fully cooperated in the investigation. He also submitted that at the time of granting bail, the



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petitioner's uncle and aunt stood as sureties. He further submitted that since the Lookout Notice is still in force, the petitioner is unable to travel Portugal for his business purpose and extend his residence permit, which is causing grave hardship to him. Hence, he seeks cancellation of the Lookout Notice.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents filed a status report and submitted that the petitioner, along with A1, under the guise of providing employment abroad, cheated the general public to the tune of Rs.2,21,00,000/-. He further submitted that the money trail shows that a substantial amount was routed through the petitioner's bank account. He also submitted that the petitioner was arrested based on the Lookout Notice when he returned to India on 30.07.2025. However, in lieu of bail conditions, the petitioner deposited a sum of Rs.1,00,00,000/-. Hence, he opposed the prayer seeking recall of the Lookout Notice.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. The petitioner is arrayed as A2 and was arrested while returning to India. The petitioner now pleads that he intends to travel to Portugal for the purpose of renewing his residence permit. The learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner further submitted that a period

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of 60 days would be sufficient for the said purpose and that the petitioner's uncle and aunt, who have stood as sureties, would continue to do so. He also submitted that the petitioner has given an undertaking to return to India within a period of 60 days.

7. Taking into consideration the fact that the petitioner has deposited a sum of Rs.1,00,00,000/- and that his uncle and aunt have stood as sureties and would also continue to stand as, this Court is of the view that the Lookout Notice can be kept in abeyance to enable the petitioner to travel to Portugal and renew his residence permit. Accordingly, the Lookout Notice shall be kept in abeyance for a period of 90 days. In the event of the petitioner failing to comply with the undertaking given to this Court, the Lookout Notice shall stand revived automatically.

8. With the above observations, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of. Consequently, the connected Criminal Original Petition is closed.

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Note: Issue Today
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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High Court of Madras,
Chennai.



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