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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.104 of 2026

A.Mohammed Ibrahim

... Petitioner

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.
(Crime No.490 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.490 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Venkatesh

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 28.10.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 178 of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.490 of 2025, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



The earlier bail application of the petitioner was dismissed by this Court, vide order dated 17.12.2025 in CrI.O.P.No.34633 of 2025.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner herein is that, the petitioner and other accused were involved in counterfeiting and circulation of counterfeit Rs.500 currency notes among the public; that when the counterfeit notes were deposited in the bank, the bank manager immediately lodged a complaint; that upon investigation, it is revealed that the petitioner herein along with other accused involved in this offence and subsequently, they were arrested. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and he is in judicial custody since 28.10.2025; that the similarly placed co-accused were already granted bail by this Court in CrI.O.P.Nos.31067, 31483, 33225 and 34633 of 2025 dated 13.11.2025, 18.11.2025, 04.12.2025 and 17.12.2025; and that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought for bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (CrI. Side) appearing for the respondent while opposing the bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally six accused involved in this case and the petitioner is arrayed as A6; that the petitioner has no previous antecedents; and that the investigation in this case is pending.



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5. Considering the submissions made on both sides, facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner has no previous antecedents, the similarly placed co-accused were already enlarged on bail by this Court in CrI.O.P.Nos.31067, 31483, 33225 and 34633 of 2025 dated 13.11.2025, 18.11.2025, 04.12.2025 and 17.12.2025 and taking note of the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner herein, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned District Munsif Cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Ranipet, Ranipet District and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three months and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[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 aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the 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)AIR SCW 5560];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

1.The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court,
Ranipet, Ranipet District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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