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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.35243 of 2025

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... Petitioner

Versus

The State rep by its,
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Salem, Salem District.
(Crime No.13 of 2025)

.. Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of her arrest in Crime No.13 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Muthu Ganesa Pandian

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest by the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 120B, 406, 417, 420, 468 and 471 of IPC, 1860 correspondent offences under Sections 61(2), 316(2), 318(2), 318(4), 336(3) and 340(2) of BNS, in Crime No.13 of 2025 registered on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2.The allegation against the petitioner is that she joined hands with the other accused and was involved in collecting a sum of Rs.3.70 crores from the defacto complainant under the pretext of selling land and thereafter failed to either execute the sale or return the said amount. Hence, the complaint was lodged.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the wife of A1 in the present case and that she has not collected any amount from the defacto complainant. He further submitted that A1 in this case was already arrested and released on bail. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally three accused in this case and the petitioner is ranked as A2. He further submitted that no money was recovered so far and that the petitioner has also participated in the alleged occurrence. He further submitted that A1 was arrested and released on bail. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) and perused the materials available on record.

6. On a perusal of the FIR and other connected materials, it is alleged



that the petitioner was present at the time when the payment was made to

A1. However, considering the fact that the petitioner is a lady, that there is no specific allegation of receipt of money by her, and that A1 was already arrested and released on bail and also considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on both sides, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the *learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.6, Salem*, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only), with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for



interrogation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioner shall not abscond 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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]*; and;

(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 Court No.6,
Salem.

2. The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Salem, Salem District..

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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