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Crl.O.P.No.147 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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R.Gowthaman S/o.Raju

... Petitioner

-Vs-

The State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Vazhapadi, Salem District.
(Crime No. Not Known of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in event of his arrest in Crime No.Not known of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.A.Mariappan

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

ORDER

The petitioner apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 351 of BNS Act, 2023, (506(i) IPC) and Sections 3 and 4 of Womens Harassment Act in Crime No.Not known of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Today, when the matter taken up for hearing, the learned



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Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that petition enquiry is pending in C.S.R.No.544 of 2025.

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3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for the respondent.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances, the respondent police has to issue notice under Section 41(A) of Cr.P.C to the petitioner and the petitioner is directed to appear before the respondent police and the Investigating Officer has to conduct the enquiry by strictly following the procedures therein and if any *prima facie* case is made out against the petitioner, register the F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of three (3) weeks from today. The parties are directed to cooperate with the enquiry. It is needless to say that the respondent police shall not take any coercive steps to secure the accused till the completion of enquiry on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant.

5. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.1, Salem.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Vazhapadi, Salem District.
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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