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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 12/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Manikandan @ Puramani

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Taluk Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(In Crime No.320/2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr. A.Karthick Kumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.S. Mano
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.320/2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 24.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.320 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein and other accused are said to have committed theft of goats belonging to the defacto complainant. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court and he is in judicial custody from 24.12.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) would submit that there are 14 previous cases pending against the petitioner and the goat



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has been recovered in the present case. He further submitted that investigation of the case is pending and hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Despite the pendency of 14 previous cases pending against the petitioner considering the fact that the goat has been recovered and the period of incarceration already suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai, 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 appear before the



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respondent Police twice a day daily at 10.00 am and 5.00 pm until further orders. Relaxation petition will not be considered for a period of two months.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with 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 BNS.

(S S Y J)
12.01.2026

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1. The Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai,
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Sivagangai District.
3. The Superintendent, District Jail, Ramanathapuram.
4. Inspector of Police, Devakottai Taluk,
Police Station, Sivagangai District.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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