



CRL OP(MD). No.1105 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 27/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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S.Lalithravathy ... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Madurai City.
Crime No.70 of 2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : P.Gopinath,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

For Intervenor : Mr.K.Mahes Raja

For Intervenor/

defacto complainant:Mr.J.Selvin Rajesh

for M/s.Dictum Law Firm

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

C-38B. For Bail in Crime no.70 of 2025 on the
file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 11.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 49, 61(2)(a) of BNS (corresponding Sections 408, 109, 120B of IPC) in Crime No.70 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner who was working as Branch Manager in IIFL finance at K.Pudur branch, Madurai has cheated a huge sum of money for re-pledging jewels. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is the Branch Manager alone and territorial manager only has to grant approval above 2 lakhs, therefore the petitioner has not committed the said offence. He further submitted that the



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petitioner is in judicial custody from 11.12.2025.

Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases. However, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned counsel for the intervenor/defacto complainant and the another intervenor vehemently objected to grant bail to the petitioner since she has cheated a huge sum of amount from the company.

6. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the period of incarceration 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



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Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Madurai, and on further conditions that :-

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with the 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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions



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have been imposed and the petitioner is 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.

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TO

1. Judicial Magistrate No.I, Madurai.
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Madurai District.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Madurai.
4. The Inspector of Police,
Central Crime Branch,
Madurai City.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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