



CRL OP(MD). No.2449 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 09/02/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Asha @ Asha Ranjith

... Petitioner

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch-I,
Pudukottai District.
Crime No.2/2026.

... Respondent

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.02/2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Balaji,
Advocate.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.01.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 318(2) and 318(4) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.2 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has cheated a huge sum of money from the defacto complainant on false promise to get job in abroad. 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 in judicial custody from 22.01.2026. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. 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:



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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 No.II, Pudukkottai, 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 is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty thousand only) to the credit of Crime No.2 of 2026 before the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Pudukkottai. After receipt of entire amount, the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Pudukkottai, shall deposit the said amount in an interest bearing Fixed Deposit in any nationalized Bank initially for a period of one year and renew them periodically until the final order/Judgment is passed. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment. On such payment, the learned Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;



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

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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 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];

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Pudukkottai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch-I,
Pudukottai District.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Women Prison, Trichy.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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