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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 10.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Mahendran @ Panai

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By, The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Dindigul,
Dindigul District.
(Crime No.18 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Suresh

Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Spl.S.C.No.221 of 2025 on the file of the learned
Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Dindigul.



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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 29.09.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 7, 8 of POCSO Act and 351(2) of BNS 2023 and thereafter, the investigation has been completed and final report has been filed for the offence punishable under Sections 9(l), 9(k), 10, 11, 11(4), 12 of POCSO Act and 351(3) of BNS Act 2023, in Spl.S.C.No.221 of 2025 on the file of the learned Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Dindigul, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had disturbed the daughter of the defacto complainant. 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 ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court and he is in judicial custody from 29.09.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there are seven previous cases pending against the petitioner and the investigation is still pending. However, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also reading of the statement under Section 164, it reveals that there is no penetrative sexual assault on the victim girl and also consideration 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 Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases, under POCSO Act, Dindigul, 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.



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[b] the petitioner shall stay at Tricy and report before the Inspector of Police, Cantonment Police Station, daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month and thereafter, report before the trial court daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[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)
10.02.2026

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1. The learned Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Dindigul.
2. The Superintendent, District Prison, Dindigul.
3. The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Dindigul,
Dindigul District.
4. The Inspector of Police,
Cantonment Police Station,
Trichy.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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