



CRL OP(MD). No.3138 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 12.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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... Petitioner / Sole Accused

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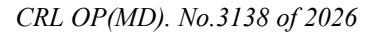
The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Cheranmahadevi Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.185 of 2026)

... Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.185 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police or on his appearance.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathya Chidambaram

For Respondent : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)



The petitioner/accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police in Crime No.185 of 2026 for the offence punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 24.01.2026, due to a previous dispute, the petitioner allegedly sent a voice message through WhatsApp, abusing the defacto complainant and his wife, and criminally intimidated them with dire consequences. Hence, the case has been registered against the accused for the aforesaid offences.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner abused the defacto complainant and his wife and criminally intimidated them with dire consequences. He further submitted that, if the petitioner is released on anticipatory bail, he is likely to harass the defacto complainant again. Accordingly, he objected to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials placed on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, and also considering the manner in which the incident occurred, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order made



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ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Cheranmahadevi, Tirunelveli District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned 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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of fifteen days and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with 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



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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]***; and

(f) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court,
Cheranmahadevi,
Tirunelveli District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Cheranmahadevi Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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