



CRL OP(MD). No.3296 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 17.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Sumathi @ Muthulakshmi

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Town Police Station,
Sivagangai District – 630 302.
(Crime No.19 of 2026)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Senthil Kumaraiah

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

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in Crime No.19 of 2026 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 03.02.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 351(2) of BNS, in Crime No.19 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had collected a sum of Rs.4,15,000/- from the defacto complainant for secure a Job and also Laptop, original certificates from the defacto complainant. and thereafter, he neither the job nor return the money. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He further submitted that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 03.02.2026. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there are no previous case pending against the petitioner and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit some amount to the credit of crime number and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, with other 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 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. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the credit of Crime



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No.19 of 2026 before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai. On such deposit, the learned Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner. After receipt of entire amount, the learned Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai, 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 in the case in Crime No.19 of 2026. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment.

[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



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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.

(S S Y J)
17.02.2026

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Devakottai.
2. The Superintendent, Sub Jail,
Paramakudi.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Town Police Station,
Sivagangai District – 630 302.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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