



CRL OP(MD). No. 4971 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 17.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Appuru @ Surendarpandiyam

...Petitioner/Accused-1

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Papanasam,
Thanjavur.
(Crime No. 1 of 2026)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Pratheesh
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.B.Nambi Selvan
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Cr.No. 1 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, aged about 27 years and other accused sexually assaulted the victim girl, aged about 17 years at different times and at different places, due to which the victim girl has become pregnant. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the alleged occurrence took place in the year 2022 and however, the FIR has been registered only on 29.01.2026. He would further submit that he has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 30.01.2026. Therefore, prayed to grant bail for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that based on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant, the case has been registered under Sections 5(n), 5(l), 5(j)(ii) r/w 6 of POCSO Act and 506(i) of IPC in Crime No. 1 of 2026. He would further submit that the statement of the victim was recorded under Section 183(5) of BNSS. He would further submit that the petitioner has one previous case which is not similar in nature. He would further submit that the investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature and hence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard both sides and perused the materials available on record, including the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183(5) of BNSS

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offence, and considering the facts that the alleged occurrence took place in the year 2022 and however, the FIR has been registered only on 29.01.2026 and even as per the statement of the



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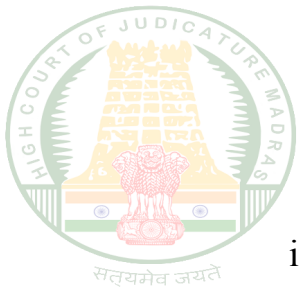
victim recorded under Section 183(5) of BNSS, there is no material available as against this petitioner and though the petitioner has one previous case, the same is not similar in nature and in that case the petitioner was granted bail and also considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to 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 learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for POCSO Act cases, Thanjavur, and on further conditions that:

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

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which he/she is accused, or suspected, or of the commission of which he/she is suspected;

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during



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investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioner shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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].

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

(P D B J)
17.04.2026

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1. The Sessions Judge, Special Court for POCSO Act cases,
Thanjavur.
2. The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Papanasam,
Thanjavur.
3. The Superintendent, District Jail, Pudukottai.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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