



CRL OP(MD). No.6164 of 2026

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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S.Nataraj

... Petitioner / Accused
Rank Not Known

Versus

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
CCD-III Trichy Police Station,
Trichy District.
(Crime No.14 of 2025)

... Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, praying to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in Crime No.14 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Vijay Raghavan

For Respondent : Mr.M.Karunanithi,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police in Crime No.14 of 2025 for the offence punishable under Sections 3(5), 318(4), 319(2), 336(2), 336(3) and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 66D and 84B of the Information Technology Act, 2008, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant, working as Joint Director in the Animal Husbandry Department, Ariyalur District, received phone calls on 08.11.2025 from unknown persons, who falsely informed him that his Aadhaar and ATM cards were involved in illegal money transactions and human trafficking. By threatening him with arrest and compelling him to communicate through video calls, they dishonestly induced him to transfer various amounts, totalling several lakhs of rupees, to different bank accounts between 10.11.2025 and 21.11.2025. Thereafter, the complainant realised that he had been cheated and lodged a complaint. Hence, the case.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person, has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is a law-abiding citizen and is ready and willing to furnish substantial sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the material part of the investigation has been completed. He further submitted that A1 has already been arrested and released on bail and that the petitioner is the father of A1. It is also submitted that the petitioner's bank account is involved in the commission of the offence. Hence, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary and, therefore, he strongly opposed 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.



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6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, the nature of the offence, and in view of the fact that A1 has already been released on bail by this Court, and that the petitioner has appeared before the respondent police for enquiry and cooperated with the investigation, and considering the fact that there are no previous cases against the petitioner and that the material part of the investigation has already been completed, 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 ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.V, Trichy, 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



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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. until further orders;

(c) 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 him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;

(d) the petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court;

(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 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]***.



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(g) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court No.V,
Trichy.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
CCD-III Trichy Police Station,
Trichy District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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