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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25/06/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Manikandan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep.By,
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station (AWPS), Kovilpatti,
Thoothukudi District (Cr.No.16/2026).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ganapathy Subramaniam,

For Respondent : Mr.G.Ganesh Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.16 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

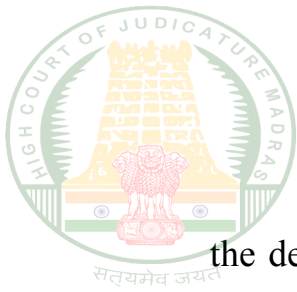
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The petitioner/accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.04.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 7, 8, 5(1) r/w 6 of POCSO Act and Section 351(2) of BNS, in Crime No.16 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner committed penetrative sexual assault and also caused criminal intimidation against the victim, who is a minor. Hence, the complaint.

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 he has been arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.04.2026. This is the second petition for bail. Therefore, prayed to grant bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that based on the complaint lodged by



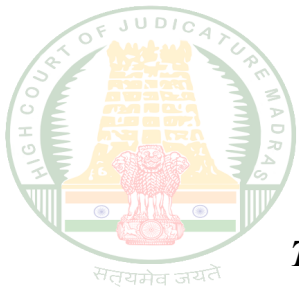
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the defacto complainant, the case has been registered. He would further submit that though the investigation has been completed and charge sheet filed, considering the grave nature of offence, he strongly opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, nature of offence, and considering the facts that the statement of victim under Section 183 of BNSS was recorded; that the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner as well as the stage of completion of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

*[a] Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed and 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, POCSO Court,***



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Thoothukudi District, and on further conditions that:

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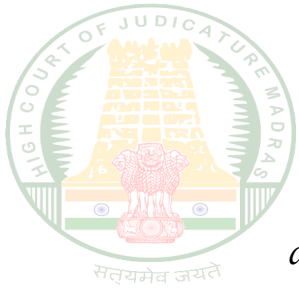
*[b] the petitioner shall report before the **POCSO Court, Thoothukudi District daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;***

[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 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 him 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



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as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs.

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

(P D B J)
25.06.2026

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TO

1. The Sessions Judge, POCSO Court, Thoothukudi District
2. The Superintendent, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli
3. The Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station,
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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