



CRL OP(MD). No.12347 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 25/06/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Muthukumar

... Petitioner/ Accused
Rank Not Known

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu Rep. by Its,
The Inspector of Police,
Achanpudur Police Station,
Tenkasi District.
Crime No.195 of 2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.195 of 2026 on the file of the
Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Rajeshkumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian,
Counsel For State of TN (Crl.Side)

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b) & 351(2) of BNS, 2023, and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, in Crime No.195 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that three years ago, while the petitioner was working as an Assistant Manager at Muthoot Finance, Kadayanallur Branch. At that time, the defacto complainant was used to pledge jewels in that Branch and both are belong to the same community and their deity also one and the same. In such circumstances, on the demand made by the defacto complainant, the petitioner pledged the jewel of the complainant in his friend's name and handed over the amount to the defacto complainant and even the defacto complainant repaid the amount, he did not return back her jewel. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he



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has no way connected in the above said incident. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the offence committed by the accused is grave in nature and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioner

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioner, and the alleged occurrence was took place on 08.05.2026 and FIR was registered belatedly on 12.06.2026 and no previous case is pending against the petitioner, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be



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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 copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Tenkasi**, 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 learned Judicial Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of 4 weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the



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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 B.N.S.

25.06.2026

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To

- 1.The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Achanpudur Police Station,Tenkasi District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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