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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

DATED: 23.10.2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE P.MURUGAN

CRL OP(MD) No. 24150 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011529342026}

Solaiammal

..Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu
rep. by The Inspector of Police,
Viruveedu Police Station,
Dindigul District.
(Crime No.188 of 2026)

..Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muniyandi
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 of B.N.S.S.

PRAYER :-

For Bail in Crime No.188 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

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ORDER : The Court made the following order:-

The petitioner / sole accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.09.2026 for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, in Crime No.188 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 23.08.2026, at about 08.30 a.m., when the de facto complainant was travelling from Uthappanayakkanur to Uchapatti in a Government bus, the petitioner/accused, who was travelling in the said bus and sitting next to the de facto complainant, snatched a 2½-sovereign gold chain from the de facto complainant's neck.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and that the petitioner's name was not found in the FIR.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submits that the petitioner snatched a 2½-sovereign gold chain from the de facto complainant's neck and that a sum of Rs.1,95,500/- was recovered from the

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petitioner for the stolen jewels. He further submits that the petitioner has five cases, out of which two cases were disposed of by acquittal and bail was granted in the other cases.

5. Considering the fact that a sum of Rs.1,95,500/- was recovered from the petitioner for the stolen jewels and also considering the fact that out of the five cases against the petitioner, two cases were disposed of by acquittal and bail was granted in the other cases and taking into account the fact that the period of incarceration of 35 days, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his 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, Nilakottai and on further conditions as follows:-

[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] On execution of the surety, the accused is directed to appear before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai for a period of 30 working days at 10.30 am. Thereafter, the accused shall

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appear before the said Court on every Wednesday at 10.30 am for a period of 10 weeks;

[c] In the event that the accused is unable to appear before the said Court, the counsel for the accused may file accused absence petition on behalf of the accused under Section 355 of BNSS and the same may be considered by the Court;

[d] In the event that neither the accused appear nor his counsel file any such accused absent petition, the Court has to issue a Non Bailable Warrant against the accused and secure him and commit him to custody;

[e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR shall be registered under Section 269 BNS, 2023;

[f] If the investigating agency requires the presence of the accused, after the execution of the bail bond, the Investigating Officer has to issue a summons to the accused for interrogation. However, the interrogation should not amount to harassment of the accused. The issuance of the summons to the accused and the interrogation of the accused should be reflected in the CD file as well as in the General Diary. The said exercise shall be done by the Investigating Officer at once or twice during the daytime. Once the purpose of the interrogation is over, the accused shall be sent out from the police station without any further delay;

[g] On compliance of the above conditions for appearance of the accused all the conditions referred above shall stand relaxed;

[h] The petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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[i] The petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[j] 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 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].**

23.10.2026
(P.M.N., J.)

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To
1. The Judicial Magistrate, Nilakottai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
   Viruveedu Police Station,
   Dindigul District.

3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
   Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
   Madurai.

4. The prison in-charge, Sub Jail, Nilakottai.

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