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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

CRL OP(MD) No. 24216 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011531712026}

Kesavan

..Petitioner/
Accused No.5

Vs

State Of Tamilnadu Rep By
The Inspector Of Police,
Anna Nagar Police Station,
Madurai.
Crime No.417/2026.

..Respondent/
Complainant

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Section 483 BNSS.

Prayer : For Bail in Crime No.417 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.S.Meenakshi Sundaram
for Mr.S.Vinodh

For Respondent(s) :Mr.T.Lenin Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

For Intervenor :Mr.S.K.Venkat Raman

ORDER

The petitioner / fifth accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.09.2026 for the offences punishable under Section

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420 IPC altered into Sections 420, 468 and 471 IPC, in Crime No.417 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the third accused, Vasanthi, introduced the defacto complainant to the first and second accused, namely, Christy Jeevagan and Rejino, who allegedly represented that they could secure employment as Junior Assistants in the American College, Madurai, for the defacto complainant, his brother and his relative, namely, Jeevitha. Believing their representation, a sum of Rs.24,00,000/- was transferred to the bank account of the first accused through various bank transactions. Thereafter, the accused issued appointment orders. However, when they went to the college to join duty, the first accused informed them that there were certain administrative issues and instructed them to return. Subsequently, when the amount was demanded back, the accused issued three cheques for a total sum of Rs.24,00,000/-, which were dishonoured on presentation for the reason of insufficient funds. Thus, the accused allegedly cheated the defacto complainant and others. Hence, the case came to be registered against four persons and subsequently, the petitioner was arrayed as the fifth accused.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the

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respondent police would submit that the total amount involved is Rs.24 lakhs and the amount is yet to be recovered. He would further submit that the petitioner is not having any previous cases.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner undertakes to deposit Rs.5,00,000/-, without prejudice to his defence and he has also filed an undertaking affidavit sworn by the petitioner in this regard.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the intervenor would submit that if the petitioner deposits the said amount, he has no objection to grant bail.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances and taking note of the undertaking affidavit filed by the petitioner and also the facts that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 22.09.2026 and that the petitioner is not having any previous cases, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five**

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Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai, and on further conditions that:

a) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate / concerned court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

b) at the time of executing sureties, the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)** to the credit of Crime No.417 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police before the Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai and the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)** to the credit of Crime No.417 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police before the Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai, within a period of two weeks thereafter, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. The said amount can be disbursed depending upon the outcome of the trial;

c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

d) the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either

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during investigation or trial;

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 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];***

g) If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS, 2023.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai.
2. Do through the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Madurai.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Madurai.
4. The Inspector Of Police, Anna Nagar Police Station, Madurai.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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