



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED : 22.06.2026**

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**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

**Crl.O.P.No.15605 of 2026**

Balamurugan

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by  
The Inspector of Police,  
Mangadu Police Station,  
Kancheepuram District.  
Crime No.178 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

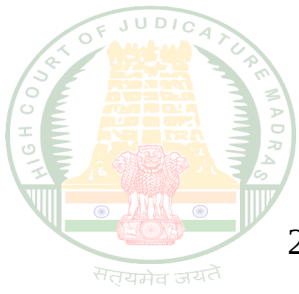
**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.178 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.R.Muthukumar

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar,  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.04.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 296(b), 115(2) and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, in Crime No.178 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



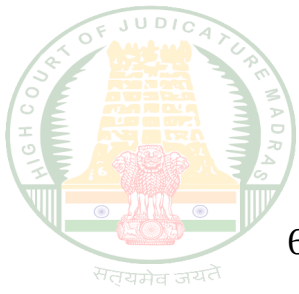
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2. It is the case of the prosecution that, while the victim, a medical student, was travelling in an auto driven by the petitioner, who is a Rapido auto driver, the petitioner misbehaved with her. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner has been in custody since 25.04.2026 and is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent, while opposing the grant of bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner has four previous cases and that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed.

5. Though the petitioner has four previous cases, considering the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and the fact that a major portion of the investigation has already been completed, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail with certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Sriperumbudur, and subject to the following conditions:

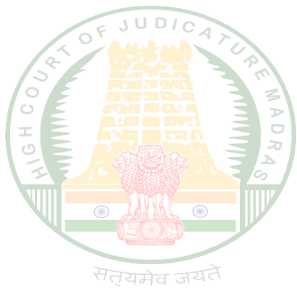
[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

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

[e] on breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions had been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court itself, as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]***;



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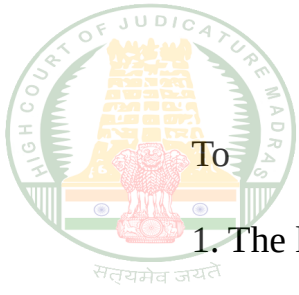
[f] if the petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR may be registered under Section 269 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Sriperumbudur

2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

3. The Inspector of Police, Mangadu Police Station, Kancheepuram District.

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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