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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 18506 of 2026

Naveen
S/o Moorthy,
42, South Vellalar Street,
Singanallur,
Coimbatore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
Podanur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.195 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

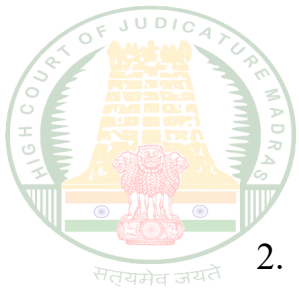
Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under section 483 of BNSS, 2023 to enlarge the petitioner on bail concerned in Crime No.195 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Podanur Police Station, Coimbatore.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Subramanian

For Respondent(s): MR.S.YOGARAJA SEKAR,
GOVT.ADVOCATE (CRL.SIDE)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 10.06.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 5, 7(3) of Lottery Act and 318(4) of BNS, in Crime No.195 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with other accused, was illegally involved in selling banned lottery tickets online by creating a whats app group and uploading the lottery numbers in order to earn high profit. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. From the submissions made by the Government Advocate (Crl.Side) it



is seen that it is a case of online lottery tickets, and that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, Hence, considering the period of incarceration since 10.06.2026, this Court is of the firm view that his further custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation. Accordingly, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail on certain conditions. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner voluntarily undertakes to pay a sum of Rs.50,000/- as non-refundable deposit to any of the welfare scheme without prejudice to his defence.

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 Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Madukkarai, Coimbatore District**, and on further conditions that:

[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 is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.50,000/- [Rupees Fifty Thousand Only] towards the account of M/s.Patient Welfare Society, Anayankadu Road, Vasantha Mill, Singanallur, maintained at Canara Bank, Singanallur Branch,**



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No.2225, Trichy Road, Singanallur, Coimbatore District-641015, bearing SB Account No.110210036953, IFSC Code No.CNRB0016562, MICR No.641015100 and to produce the Bank challan before the concerned Magistrate and the receipt shall be produced at the time of executing the bond;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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

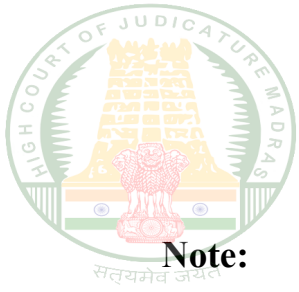
[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[f] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283];**

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Madukkarai, Coimbatore District.

2. The Inspector of Police
Podanur Police Station,
Coimbatore.

3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Coimbatore.

4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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