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Crl.O.P.No.20624 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Gopinath

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The State rep. by
Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Organized Crime Unit-I,
Crime Branch CID,
Egmore, Chennai
Crime No.2 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.2 of 2026 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.P.Ramesh

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.06.2026 for the alleged offences under Sections 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 @ Sections 305 and 317(2) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.2 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.



2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner had stolen Hard Drives belonging to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. Hence, the case.

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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 05.06.2026 and is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He further submitted that the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail, which factum was not seriously disputed by the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side). 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 certain Hard Disks are yet to be recovered. However, he fairly submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

5. Considering the totality of the circumstances, the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, the fact that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, the fact that the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail, and also the fact that a major portion of the investigation has already been



completed, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, subject to 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 Metropolitan Magistrate XI- Saidapet, 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 twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m until further orders;

[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.**



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State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];

[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 Metropolitan Magistrate XI- Saidapet

2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal - II

3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Organized Crime Unit-I,
Crime Branch CID, Egmore, Chennai

4. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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