

**IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, CHENGALPATTU**

Present : Thiru.T.Chandrasekaran, M.L.,
Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.

Dated: Wednesday, the 18th day of March 2026.

Crl.M.P. No.643 of 2026
(CNR No. TNCG01-006364-2025)

1. R.Stephen Kumar, aged about 26 years, S/o.Rajavel
2. S. Vishnuraj @ Vishnu, S/o.Sathiyamoorthy,
Aged about 27 years, .. Petitioners/Accused.

//Versus//

State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Pallikaranai Police Station,
Cr. No.104 of 2024 .. Respondent/Complainant
U/s.302 of IPC, Sec.3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act @ into Sec.120(B),
147, 148, 149, 302 of IPC r/w. Sec.3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act.

This petition for bail coming on this day for hearing before me, M/s.M.Rajasekar, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners/accused, M/s.D.R.Rajarajan, the learned Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/complainant, upon hearing both sides and upon perusal of case records, this Court made the following

ORDER

This petition is filed U/s.480 and 483 of BNSS 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail.

2. The petitioners/accused have been charged for the offences U/s.302 of IPC, Sec.3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act @ into Sec.120(B), 147, 148, 149, 302 of IPC r/w. Sec.3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act.

3. Notice given to the Special Public Prosecutor for the State and

reply received. Heard both sides. Records are perused.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that a false case has been foisted against the petitioners/accused. Since the petitioners failed to appear before the court, NBW was issued against them on 24.10.2024 and on execution of NBW, the petitioners were arrested and remanded on 01.11.2025; the earlier bail application was dismissed by this court in Crl.M.P. No.3711 of 2025 dated 12.12.2025; now the petitioners are under judicial custody for the past 138 days; moreover, the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed upon them and they are ready to offer substantial sureties before the Court thereby he prayed for enlargement on bail.

5. The learned Special Public Prosecutor, on the other hand, would submit that, initially the petitioners were granted bail by this court as per the order in Crl.M.P. No.1573 of 2024 dated 25.06.2024. However, the bail granted to them was subsequently cancelled by this Court as per the order in Crl.M.P. No.2509 of 2024, for non compliance of condition and the petitioners were arrested. Challenging the earlier bail dismissal order, the petitioners preferred an Appeal before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras in Crl.A. No.231 of 2026 and the same is pending. That apart the 1st petitioner is involved in two other cases and the 2nd petitioner is involved in three other cases and prays for the dismissal of the petition. He also filed the written submissions of the prosecution.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioners, in reply, would submit that the said Criminal Appeal has been withdrawn by the petitioners and prays to consider the bail application. He also filed the e-court status to that effect.

7. Statutory notice under the provisions of SC/ST Act has been issued to the defacto complainant/victim. He made his personel appearance before this court and filed his written objection and objected for granting bail to the petitioners.

8. From the submissions and records, it is seen, charge sheet has been filed and case has been taken on file as S.C. No.117 of 2024. Moreover, the petitioners are in judicial custody for the past 138 days. Under such circumstances, keeping the petitioner in prison will not serve any purpose to the investigating agency. Taking into consideration the duration of custody and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners.

9. In the result, this petition is allowed; The petitioners/accused are ordered to be released on bail on their execution of bond for Rs.10,000/- each with two sureties for a like sum to the satisfaction of this Court, with further condition that;

1. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression (LTI) in the surety bond and the sureties shall produce a copy of any identity proof to ensure their identity.
2. The petitioners/accused are directed to report before this court on all working days at 10.30 A.M. for 30 days; thereafter, appear before the court on all the hearing dates without fail;
3. The petitioners/accused shall not abscond during trial;
4. The petitioners/accused shall not tamper with the witnesses or evidences during trial;
5. If there is any breach of conditions, the Investigation Officer shall

report to the learned Magistrate and the learned Magistrate shall take appropriate action as if the conditions have been imposed by the Magistrate himself/herself in accordance with the decision in ***AIR 2006 SC 100 - P.K. Shaji Vs State of Kerala.***

Pronounced by me in open Court on this the 18th day of March 2026.

Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Chengalpattu.

To
The Inspector of Police, Pallikaranai Police Station.
The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.