IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, CHENNAI

Present: Thiru.S.Karthikeyan, M.A., M.L., M.Sc., PGDCFSc., PGDDF.,
Principal Sessions Judge.

Friday, the 5th day of June, 2026

Crl.M.P.No.4746/2026
in
SCCIC, Cyber Crime Wing, Chennai, Crime No.135/2025

Annathir .. Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre
Cyber Crime Wing,
Chennai. ..Respondent/Complainant.

This petition is coming on this day before this court for hearing in the presence of M/s. E. Shanthakumar, T. Yuvaresh, the counsel for the petitioner and of the CPP for the respondent and upon hearing them, this Court delivered the following

ORDER

1. The petitioner, who was arrested on 30.04.2026 for the offences punishable under Section 316(2), 318(4), 61(2) of BNS and Sec.66D of IT Act in Crime No.135/2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent. He had not indulged in any of the offences as alleged by the respondent police. The petitioner himself is a victim. The petitioner was lured to open a bank account and to invest some amount on the false assurance of receiving higher returns. The accused had misused the bank account without the knowledge of this petitioner to receive the amount from the innocents. The petitioner had not cheated anyone through Cyber means. Petitioner's name do not find a place in the FIR and there is no overt act against him. The petitioner has no knowledge whatsoever about the online fraud. He has been falsely roped into this case on extra judicial confession of the co-accused.

Similarly placed co-accused were already enlarged on bail by this court. Hence, prays for bail.

3. On the other hand, the learned CPP submits that the defacto complainant was approached by the accused through online for investment in the online trading platform. Believing the same, the defacto complainant has invested money to the tune of Rs.1,33,93,360/- and he was cheated by the accused. The amount has not been recovered. He further submitted that as far as the petitioner/A10 is concerned, he is the account holder of Layer-2 SBI Account No.30004730888, in which he received Rs.27,500/- being the victim's money in the above crime number. On the instructions of A13, the petitioner withdrew the amount through ATM and handed over the said amount to A13/Saran Kumar and had received a commission of Rs.1000/- from A13. During investigation, the petitioner revealed that he had handed over his account for Cyber criminal activities to an agent named A13/Saran Kumar of Thennavanur, Ramanathapuram. He further stated that A13/Saran Kumar is known as ID running person and acts as a handler of a fraudulent INR to USDT conversion application. Investigation is pending. Hence, he objects this bail.

4. The petitioner who was arrested on 30.04.2026 in connection with Cr.No.135/2025 for the offences punishable under Section 316(2), 318(4), 61(2) of BNS and Sec.66D of IT Act has come up with the present application seeing for bail. As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner and other co-accused colluded with each other and defrauded the gullible public including the defacto complainant to the tune of Rs.1,33,93,360/-. The specific role assigned to the petitioner is that he is the account holder of Layer 2 SBI Account, in which he as received a sum of Rs.27,500/-. On the instruction of A13, the petitioner withdrew the said amount through ATM and handed over the same to A13. For this, he received a sum of Rs.1000/- as commission. The co-accused in similar nature were granted bail by this court and therefore considering the nature of allegation and duration of custody, this court is inclined to grant bail on the following conditions.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, each

for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai and on further condition that

(a) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity.

(b) the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police daily at 10.00 a.m. until further orders.

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(d) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

(e) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the above petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the above 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) AIR SCW 5560].

(f) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

Dictated to Steno-typist, typed by her directly, corrected and pronounced by me in open court this the 5th day of June, 2026.

KARTHIKEYAN SHANMUGAM

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Principal Sessions Judge

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1. The XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai.
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

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