

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, CHENNAI

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

Principal Sessions Judge.

Saturday, the 6th day of June, 2026.

Crl.M.P.No.4770/2026

in

C-5, Kothavalchavadi P.S. Crime No.Not known/2026

S.Palani

.. Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State Rep. by

The Inspector of Police,

C-5, Kothavalchavadi Police Station,

Chennai.

..Respondent/Complainant.

This petition is coming on this day before this court for hearing in the presence of M/s.L.K.Sudhirgha Basu, M.Devendiran and G.Mohana Sundaram, the Counsel for the petitioner and of the CPP for respondent police and upon hearing both sides, this Court delivered the following,

ORDER

1. The petitioner, who apprehends arrest by the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable u/s 296(b), 329, 351(2) and 308(2) of BNS in Crime No.Not known/2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant one Mr.Venugopal, who is running a business in the name and style of "Lakshmi Traders" at Govindappa Street, Chennai, was allegedly abused, criminally intimidated and threatened by the petitioner and certain others for the purpose of extorting money. He further submitted that the petitioner had been working under the defacto complainant as a loadman for several years. Certain wages and monetary dues payable to the petitioner were kept pending by the defacto complainant. When the petitioner repeatedly requested him to settle the outstanding wages legitimately due to the petitioner, he refused to do so. He also abused the petitioner by referring his caste name. The petitioner lodged a complaint before the respondent police on 21.05.2026 and a case in Crime No.82/2026 was also registered. In order to shield himself from the consequences, the present complaint has been lodged. The allegations are false. Hence, prays for anticipatory bail.

3. On the other hand, the learned CPP submits that the defacto complainant is the owner of the a godown and the petitioner is the Maistry. The petitioner and others questioned the defacto complainant for closing the godown and quarreled with him. Investigation is pending.

4. The dispute arose due to non-employment of the petitioner and the defacto complaint. The case is primarily based upon the relationship as employer and employee. Though the petitioner has some previous cases, all the cases were already closed. Therefore, this court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail.

5. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of this order, before the VIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb impression in the surety bond and the 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 as and when required for investigation.

[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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the 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 him directly, corrected and pronounced by me in open court this the 6th day of June, 2026.

Principal Sessions Judge

Copies to:

1. The VIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai.
2. CPP, Chennai.
3. The Inspector of Police, C-5, Kothavalchavadi Police Station, Chennai.

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