

**IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE,
MAYILADUTHURAI.**

Present: Dr. L.S. Sathiyamurthy, M.A., M.L., Ph.D.,
District and Sessions Judge, Mayiladuthurai.
State of Tamil Nadu.

Thursday, this the 12th day of March 2026.

Crl.M.P. No. 346/2026

Ranjitha, W/o. Rajivgandhi ...Petitioner / Accused.

Vs

State through the Inspector of Police,
Malnalmedu P.S in Cr. No.2/2026 ... Respondent/Complainant.

U/s. 194(3)(iv) of BNSS @ 105 of BNS.

This petition came up today for the hearing before me in the presence of Tmt. A.T. Praveena, Advocate for the Petitioner and Tmt. A. Aruna on behalf of Public Prosecutor for the State and after careful consideration of the materials available on record and the submissions made on behalf of the parties, this court passed the following:

ORDER

1. This is a petition filed U/s. 483 of BNSS, 2023.

2. Heard, the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Public Prosecutor.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner/Accused submitted that the respondent police has registered a case against the petitioner for the offences U/s. 194(3)(iv) of BNSS @ 105 of BNS. The petitioner was subsequently arrested on suspicion and remanded to judicial custody on 03.01.2026 and is in judicial custody for the past 68 days. The petitioner is the wife of the deceased person. On suspicion, the defacto complainant has given false complaint against the petitioner and she has no connection with this case. The petitioner is innocent and she did not commit any offences as alleged by the prosecution. Investigation is almost over. The petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that would be imposed by this Court and prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner is none else than the wife of the deceased person. As per the case of the prosecution, the deceased person Rajivgandhi was chronically addicted to liquor consuming and on 01.01.2026 at about 09.00 PM he had took up quarrel with the petitioner when he was under the influence of liquor and next day morning on 02.01.2026 at 06.00 AM the deceased did not wake up, so the petitioner make a phone call to her father, when they came and saw the said Rajivgandhi was died. Hence, the case. Investigation is pending and objected to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. This court carefully considered the submission made by either side. The petitioner was remanded to judicial custody on 03.01.2026 for the alleged offence punishable U/s. 194(3)(iv) of BNSS @ 105 of BNS. The petitioner is the wife of the deceased person, the criminal law was set into motion by one Senthilkumar who is the brother of the deceased person. In his complaint he has stated that his brother Rajivgandhi was chronically addicted to liquor consuming and on the day of occurrence he picked up quarrel with the petitioner under the influence of liquor. So the recital in the complaint would go to show that the deceased person used to often consume liquor and neglect his family members. There is no other motive stated in the complaint for the alleged murder. Under the circumstances this court considered that the fact that the petitioner is none other than the wife of the deceased person and she has been in incarceration since 03.01.2026. The major portion of investigation is also over in this case. Therefore, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner who is the mother of the girl child aged about 5 years on conditions.

In the result, this petition is allowed. Consequently, the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on her executing a bail bond as defined in section 2(d) BNSS 2023 along with similar bail bonds from two persons each for a sum of Rs. 25,000/- to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Mayiladuthurai for undertakings his/her appearance for further proceedings, and with other conditions that,

(i) 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 Passbook to ensure the identity.

(ii) the petitioner shall report before the Respondent police station daily at 10.00 A.M for a period of 30 days.

(iii) The petitioner should co-operate for the investigation and should not threaten the witnesses.

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

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

(vi) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the 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 Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji/Vs/State of Kerala, [(2005) AIR S.C.W.5560]*.

(vii) If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

Pronounced by me in the Open Court on the 12th day of March, 2026.

District and Sessions Judge,
Mayiladuthurai.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.1, Mayiladuthurai.
2. The Inspector of Police, Manalmedu P.S
3. The Petitioner through his counsel.