

**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.

Saturday, this the 07th day of March 2026.

Crl.M.P. No. 336/2026

Murugavel, S/o. Jeyaraman

...Petitioner / Accused.

Vs

State through the Inspector of Police,
Thiruvankadu P.S in Cr. No.75/2026
U/s. 326(g) of BNS.

... Respondent/Complainant.

This petition came up today for the hearing before me in the presence of Thiru. T. Karunanithi, 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. 326(g) of BNS. The petitioner was subsequently arrested on suspicion and remanded to judicial custody on 26.02.2026 and is in judicial custody for the past 10 days. The defacto complainant has given false complaint against the petitioner and he has no connection with this case. The petitioner is innocent and he 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 defacto complainant is a In-charge of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

(MGNREGS) in Puthuthurai Village. The petitioner is made unnecessary quarrel with the village people under the influence of alcohol. When it was questioned by the defacto complainant's mother, enmity exists between them. Due to this on 25.02.2026 at 01.00 AM the petitioner set fire to the defacto complainant's house. Entire top of the house and NMR Sheet of MGNREGS were burnt in this occurrence. The total value of the damaged property is about Rs.20,000/-. 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 26.02.2026 for the alleged offences punishable U/s. 326(g) of BNS. The occurrence is a fire incident took place during the night hours. The petitioner was arrested on suspect. He has been in judicial custody for the past 10 days. There is no previous cases against this petitioner. The value of the property has been mentioned as Rs.20,000/-. Considering the nature of the offence, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner on following conditions,

In the result, this petition is allowed. Consequently, the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on his 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, Sirkali for undertakings his/her appearance for further proceedings, and with other conditions that,

(i) The petitioner shall **deposit of Rs.20,000/- to the credit of Cr. No.75/2026 of Thiruvenkadu P.S before the concerned Judicial Magistrate Court. According to the outcome of the case concerned Judicial Magistrate may decide whether to confiscate or return to the petitioner.**

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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 07th day of March 2026.

District and Sessions Judge,
Mayiladuthurai.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate, Sirkali.
2. The Inspector of Police, Thiruvankadu P.S
3. The Petitioner through his counsel.