



IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, THIRUVADANAI.

Present : Thiru. J. Antony Rishandev, B.B.A., L.L.B (Hons).
Judicial Magistrate,
Thiruvadanai.

Dated, Wednesday the 11th day of March 2026

Cr.M.P. No. 168/2026

in

Cr. No. 266/2025

Govinthan (Age 55/2025),
S/o. Krishnan,
1/31, North Street,
Akkiramesi,
Paramakudi Tk,
(Now at)
C.K.Mangalam
Thiruvadanai Tk,
Ramanathapuram Dist

..... Petitioner/ Accused

/Vs/

State through Sub Inspector of Police,
Thondi Police Station,
Cr.No.266/2025
U/s. 331(4), 305 BNS

..... Respondent / Complainant

This petition came up for hearing before me on 11.03.2026 in the presence of Advocate for the Petitioner/Accused Thiru.K.R.Tirupathi and Tmt.S.Judy Angelo APP Grade – I upon perusing the documents and hearing, both sides this Court makes the following,

ORDER

1. Filing of the Bail Petition

The petitioner/accused have filed this bail application under Section 480 of BNSS, seeking bail in connection with Crime No.266/2025, wherein he has been charged under



Sections U/s. 331(4), 305 BNS. The accused was formally arrested in Ramanathapuram District jail on 19.01.2026 and has been in judicial custody since then. The accused is alleged to have stolen the two batteries and one inverter from the grama E-Sewa centre of Pudupattinam villlage. During the enquiry, the petitioner side contended that the accused is innocent. Therefore prayed that bail should be granted to the accused.

2. Prosecution's Objection

The prosecution has strongly opposed the bail application on the following grounds:

- i. The investigation is still pending.
- ii. More previous cases is pending against the accused in various police station.
- iii. On the other side prosecution side gave a reply stating that the trial of this case will be affected if the accused is released in bail since there are chances of absconding.
- iv. There is a risk of the accused committing similar offenses if released on bail.

I have heard the arguments of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned public prosecutor. I have also perused the case records and considered the submissions made by both sides.

3. Relevant Legal Principles

The Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts have consistently held that while considering a bail application, the court must take into account several factors, including:

- i. The nature and gravity of the offense.
- ii. The likelihood of the accused absconding or tampering with evidence.
- iii. The necessity for custodial interrogation.
- iv. The risk of the accused committing further offenses while on bail.
- v. The likelihood of securing the accused presence during the trial.



4. **Court's Observations**

In light of the above principles, the court notes the following:

- (i) The accused is alleged to have stolen the two batteries and one inverter from the grama E-Sewa centre of Pudupattinam villlage. While the offenses are serious, it is not the one that necessitates the continued incarceration of the accused.
- (ii) There is no indication that the accused poses a flight risk, as he is a permanent resident of Thiruvadanai Taluk reducing the chances of absconding.
- (iii) There is no evidence to suggest that the accused would tamper with evidence or influence witnesses, particularly since the investigation is substantially complete.
- (iv) The accused have been in judicial custody for over 52 days.

5. Based on the above considerations, this court is satisfied that further incarceration of the accused is not warranted, given that the substantial portion of investigation would have been completed. The principles of criminal jurisprudence emphasize that bail is rule and jail is an exception. In the absence of any significant risk factors, the accused is entitled to bail.

6. **Bail Conditions**

However, to ensure the cooperation of the accused with the trial process and to prevent the commission of further offenses, this court finds it necessary to impose certain conditions. Accordingly, the bail petition is allowed, and the petitioners/accused is granted bail subject to the following conditions:

1. The petitioner/accused shall be released on bail upon executing a bond for a sum of Rs. 10,000/- each, with two sureties for the like sum.



2. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impressions on the surety bond and submit two photographs and a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank passbook to confirm their identity.
3. The petitioner/accused shall report and sign before this court every day at 10:30 AM and 05:00 PM until further orders.
4. The petitioner/accused shall not commit any offense similar to the current charges, and any violation of the stipulated conditions will result in invoking Section 269 of the BNS Act.
5. The petitioner/accused shall cooperate with the investigation and trial and appear before the court whenever required.
6. The petitioner/accused shall not interfere with witnesses or tamper with any evidence in any manner.
7. The petitioner/accused shall not abscond during the pendency of the trial.

In the result, the bail petition is allowed.

Dictated by me to the Typist and he typed in the Computer and Corrected and Pronounced by me in the Open Court on 11th day of March 2026.

Judicial Magistrate,
Thiruvadanai.