

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT TIRUVALLUR

Present: Dr. J. JULIET PUSHPA, Ph.D. (Law)

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Tiruvallur

Monday, the 20th day of July, 2026

Crl.M.P.No:2796/2026

(CNR No. TNTR010059782026)

Nagaraj, S/o Ganesan

...Petitioner/Accused

//Versus//

State Rep. by the Inspector of Police,

Arani Police station

(Crime No: 253/2022)

PRC No. 33/2025 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri

.....Respondent/Complainant

Petition dated: 10.07.2026 u/s 483 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail

This petition coming on this day for hearing before me having the petition filed by the petitioners Counsel M/s V. Nirmalraj, J. Prasanth, and the State / respondent police represented by the learned Public Prosecutor Thiru.N.R. Sreedharan Babu and upon hearing the arguments of both sides, perusing the reply of the Public Prosecutor for the State/Respondent and perusing the records and material and hearing both sides, this court made the following:-

ORDER

Heard arguments of both side. Records perused. Petition filed u/s 483 of BNSS seeking to release the petitioner who was remanded on 29.06.2026 in Crime No. 253/2022 on the file of Arani police station registered for the offence u/s 328 of BNS r/w 8(c), 20(b)(2)(A) of NDPS Act. The case is pending in PRC No. 33/2025 on the file of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri

The learned counsel for the petitioner argued that, petitioner is innocent, he has been falsely implicated only on suspicion, and only due to some illness and no proper service of summons, he could not appear before the said Court, only since he was arrested in some other case, he could not appear and hence, NBW was issued, petitioner is in custody for the 22 days in this he is ready to cooperate for committal proceedings, and will abide by any condition, therefore prayed for granting the bail.

Notice given to concerned police and reply received. The learned Public prosecutor argued that the petitioner jumped out of bail, NBW was issued on 12.06.2026 and arrested on 29.06.2026 the case is pending before the court concerned in PRC No.33/2025 for pending for committal

Report received from the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri stating that the case was taken on file on 30.10.2025, out of 3 accused, the petitioner is A2 and NBW was issued on 27.03.2026 and he was remanded on 29.06.2026 and the case is pending for steps.

The petitioner states in this petition that there is no similar bail petition is pending before any other Court including Hon'ble High Court, Madras and the respondent has also not stated as to pending of any bail petition before Hon'ble High Court, Madras in this case. Hence, this Court considers that there is no impediment to entertain this petition and pass orders on merits.

As per the reply of the learned Public Prosecutor, petitioner is a local resident. The case is pending for committal and for steps. It does not appear that further incarceration would be necessary as the petitioner is in judicial custody for the past 22 days.

Therefore, on considering

- (i) Stage of the case which is pending for committal
- (ii) Long duration of custody of the petitioner for the 22 days
- (iii) Considering the stage of the case it appears further incarceration of petitioner would serve no purpose
- (iv) that as per the representation of the learned Public Prosecutor, it appears that the petitioner is a local resident
- (v) the representation of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the petitioner being local resident will cooperate for trial proceedings and will abide by any condition,
- (vi) also considering other facts and circumstances,

this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner on imposing conditions.

In the result, bail is granted to the Petitioner on execution of a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- with two sureties for the like-sum each to the satisfaction of Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri and on condition that the petitioner to sign before the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri daily at 10.30 AM for 30 days. The sureties shall affix their photographs and shall produce Voter Card or Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book in proof of their identification. Any violation of the conditions, the Judicial Magistrate is entitled to take action as per the Judgment of the Supreme Court in P.K. Shaji Vs. State of Kerala (*AIR 2005 SCW 5560*). If the petitioner absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS.

Dictated to the Shorthand Writer and Pronounced by me in Open Court on this 20th day July , 2026

**Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Tiruvallur**

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The Petitioner's Advocate M/s V. Nirmalraj
Thiru.N.R. Sreedharan Babu, Public Prosecutor for the State
The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ponneri
The Inspector of police, Arani Police Station
The Superintendent, Central Prison-II, Puzhal, Chennai