



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL No.1057/2026
[arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.3297/2026]**

VASUDEVAN

APPELLANT

VERSUS

**THE STATE REP BY THE
INSPECTOR OF POLICE**

RESPONDENT

ORDER

1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Tamil Nadu.
3. Leave granted.
4. By the impugned judgment and order dated 12th February, 2026, the High Court of Judicature at Madras has dismissed the appellant's prayer for bail in anticipation of arrest.
5. Appellant figures as an accused in FIR No.12 of 2025 dated 02nd April, 2025 registered with Police Station Tambaram-CCB, District Tambaram City-CCB. It is alleged in the FIR that the appellant has committed offence(s)

punishable under Sections 316(2), 344, 318(4) & 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

6. We have heard learned counsel appearing for the appellant as well as the respondent.

7. It is not disputed that the petitioner has joined investigation.

8. In such view of the matter and considering the nature of allegations, we are of the considered opinion that the appellant's detention for custodial interrogation is not necessary and that he may be admitted to an order for grant of bail in anticipation of arrest.

9. Accordingly, the impugned judgment and order stands set aside.

10. It is directed that in the event of the appellant being arrested, he shall be released on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial court.

11. Needless to observe, the appellant shall not, directly or indirectly, by making inducement, threat or promise, dissuade any person acquainted with the facts of the case from disclosing such facts to any police officer or to the court.

12. Also, since the investigation is yet to conclude, we direct that if the investigating officer calls upon the appellant to join the investigation further, he shall do so by attending the police station.

13. We clarify that the observations made in this order and grant of bail to the appellant in anticipation of arrest will not be treated as findings on the merits of the case.

14. The appeal is allowed on the above terms.

15. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[DIPANKAR DATTA]

.....J.
[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]

**New Delhi;
February 23, 2026.**

ITEM NO.58

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-C

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).3297/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 12-02-2026 in CRLOP No.11771/2025 passed by
the High Court of Judicature at Madras]**

VASUDEVAN

Petitioner

VERSUS

**THE STATE REP BY THE
INSPECTOR OF POLICE**

Respondent

**I.A. No.58363/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT**

**Date : 23-02-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA**

**For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Nikhil Goel, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Pranab Prakash, AOR
Ms. D. Durga Devi, Adv.
Mrs. Vijay Lakshmi Grover, Adv.**

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, AOR

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following
O R D E R**

1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Tamil Nadu.
3. Leave granted.
4. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.
5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RASHMI DHYANI PANT) (SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS COURT MASTER (NSH)
(signed order is placed on the file)