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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 3111/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-02-2026 in BA No. 563/2026 passed by the High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam]

ATHUL THOMAS

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 55345/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 55347/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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O R D E R

Heard Mr. Sachin Patil, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. P.V. Dinesh, learned Senior counsel along with Mr. Harshad V. Hameed, learned counsel for the State of Kerala.

2. The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of anticipatory

bail in connection with Crime No. 10 of 2026 registered at Panangad Police Station, Ernakulam District for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 126(2), 296(b), 329(4) and 333 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. While issuing notice, on 19.02.2026, the Court has granted interim protection. Thereafter, there have been important developments in the case, inasmuch as the initial complaint sent by the petitioner's side against the complainant and others in the present case was not acted upon by the police, leading to the Court having to call upon the concerned Police Officials to explain.

4. On the previous occasion, the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ernakulam had appeared before the Court in person and had shown various steps which were taken by him. Today a fresh affidavit has been filed, stating that the SHO as well as the Sub Inspector posted at the concerned Police Station at the relevant point of time have been suspended and departmental proceedings have been initiated.

5. We find that now the Authorities have taken the steps which were required to be taken and have shown seriousness in the matter. Accordingly, the said issue stands closed. We hope and expect that the Authorities will take the said proceedings to their logical conclusion in accordance with law without any undue delay and with full seriousness.

6. As far as the present case is concerned, taking an overall view in the matter, we find that a case for anticipatory bail has been made out.

7. Accordingly, upon arrest or surrender before the Court below within two weeks from today, the petitioner shall be enlarged on bail on such conditions as may be imposed by the Trial Court.

8 The petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

9. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(SACHIN KUMAR SRIVASTAVA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANJALI PANWAR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR