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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 16178 of 2026

K.Chinnakannan

..Petitioner

Vs

The State, represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Omerabad Police Station,
Tirupathur District.
[Crime No.211 of 2026]

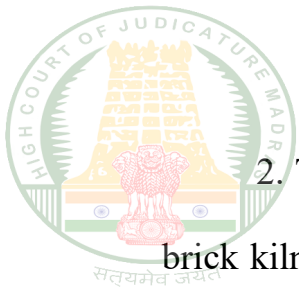
..Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioner on Anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.211 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Omberabad Police Station, Tirupattur District and pass such further or other orders.

For Petitioner:	Mr.Pachaiyappan S
For Respondent:	Ms.R.S.Indira Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

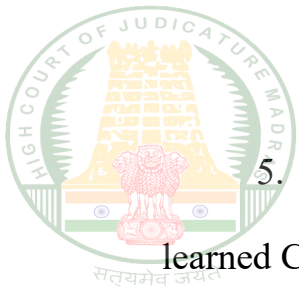
The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 16, 17, 18 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act (BLS) and offence under Section 79 of Juvenile Justice Act. (JJ Act) and offence under Section 14 of Child Labour Act, in Crime No.211 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner operates a small-scale brick kiln on his own land, wherein his family members and close relatives are engaged as workers. The de facto complainant approached the petitioner seeking employment at the said brick kiln and was subsequently employed on a weekly wage basis. However, the de facto complainant has now levelled false allegations against the petitioner, claiming that they were treated as bonded labourers and that child labour was being utilized at the facility. On the strength of these allegations, the present complaint has been registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner has no bad antecedents. He also submits that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the case of the prosecution and submitted that the petitioner has got no bad antecedents. However, in view of the serious nature of allegation, she strongly opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



5. I have given anxious consideration to the submission made by the learned Counsel on either side and perused the records available.

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6. Considering the serious nature of the child trafficking allegations, granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner solely because he has no criminal antecedents would normalize a highly severe offense. If human trafficking is dealt with lightly, it will lead to grave adverse societal consequences. Therefore, given the gravity of the offense and its potential repercussions, the petitioner is not entitled to anticipatory bail.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To
1. The Inspector of Police,
Omerabad Police Station,
Tirupathur District.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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