

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-07-2026

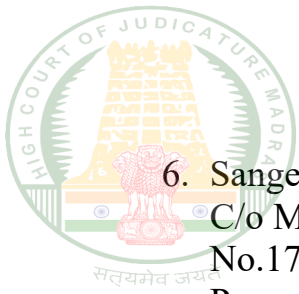
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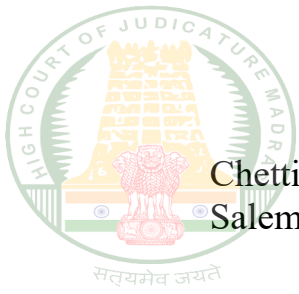
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 18335 of 2026

1. Guruvammal
W/o Murugesan,
NO.9/172, Mettupatti,
Erupalli,
Selam -637101
2. Kalyani
W/o Venkatachalam,
No.1/27, Kundanur,
Chettimankurichi,
Salem.
3. Sudha
W/o Mariyappan,
NO.98A,
Chettimankurichi,
Edapadi,
Salem.
4. Keetha
W/o Ayyandhurai,
No.2/175, Pannangadu,
Chettimankurichi VTC,
Salem.
5. Palanisamy
S/o Kaveri,
NO.99,
Chettimankurichi VTC,
Edapadi,
Salem.



6. Sangetha
C/o Manikandan,
No.174,
Pannangadu,
Chettimankurichi,
Salem.
7. Palaniyammal @ Mathi
W/o Govindan,
NO.4-50, Edapadi,
Dadapuram,
Salem.
8. Govindaraj @ Govindasamy
S/o Marimuthu,
No.3/99B, Chettimankurichi VTC,
Edapadi,
Salem.
9. Mariyappan
S/o Periyasamy,
NO.3/985, Pannangadu,
Chettimankurichi,
Edapadi,
Salem.
10. Ayyandhurai
S/o Kaveri Ammachi Gounder,
No.2/175,
Pannankadu,
Chettimankurichi VTC,
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Salem.
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No.174, Pannangadu,



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Vs

..Petitioner(s)

The State Rep By,
The Inspector of Police
Edappadi Police Station,
Salem District -637101
Crime No.245 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS, praying to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of the arrest in Crime No.245 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.Komala K

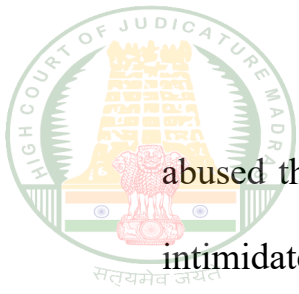
For Respondent(s):

Mrs.R.S.Indira
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offences under Sections **189(2), 296(b), 115(1), 118(1), 351(3) of BNS** in Crime No.245 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that due to long standing land dispute and previous enmity between the defacto complainant and the petitioners, the petitioners attempted to erect fencing stones in the disputed property. When the defacto complainant and her family members objected the same, the petitioners



abused them in filthy language and assaulted them with sticks and criminally intimidated them with dire consequences. Hence the complaint.

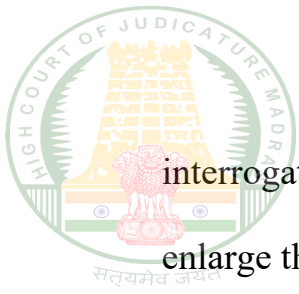
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3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and a false case has been foisted against the petitioners and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent-Police reiterated the prosecution case, but fairly submitted that the injured has been discharged from the hospital and that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents against them. He further submitted that the injured discharged from the hospital on 07.07.2026. This case is a counter case to case in Crime No.244 of 2026. However, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the totality of the circumstances, and the fact that the injured person has been discharged from the hospital, as well as the fact that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents and some of them are women, this Court is of the firm view that the custodial



interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

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7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate, Edapadi** on condition that **each of the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)**, with **two sureties each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioners fail to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the application for surety slip (Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) **The petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required;**



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(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners are released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]***;

(e) If the petitioners thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Edapadi.
2. The Inspector of Police
Edappadi Police Station,
Salem District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Chennai.



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