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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06.07.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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P.Pratiban

...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

1.State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
R-5, SIPCOT Police Station,
SIDCO Industrial Estate Thoothukudi Phase-2,
SIPCOT Thoothukudi.

2. The Station House Officer
South Tukoganj Police Station
Indore,
Madhya Pradesh.
(Crime No. not known of 2026)

...Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muthu Malai Raja
Advocate.

For R1 : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar
Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS



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PRAYER :-

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For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No. not known of 2026 on the file of the second respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 316 & 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 in Crime No. not known of 2026 on the file of the second respondent police seeks inter-state anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner is the representative of a company, which is an importer and supplier of coal in India. There is a business transaction between the defacto complainant and the petitioner in respect of purchasing coal. The petitioner has purchased coal from the company of the defacto complainant. However, failed to return the money, due to the said business transactions, the petitioner has to pay a sum of Rs.1,47,73,117/- to the defacto complainant company. Hence, the defacto complainant lodged a complaint against the petitioner, due to which, the petitioner received a summons from the 2nd respondent for appearance on 06.06.2026 and



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22.06.2026 and subsequently, another summons was issued on 02.07.2026 for appearance of the petitioner on 08.07.2026.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is a business transaction between the defacto complainant and the petitioner in respect of purchasing coal. It is further submitted that the alleged transaction of supply of coal was taken place at Tuticorin. However, the complaint was lodged at Madhya Pradesh. The petitioner has also been served with notices of appearance by the police and that he is ready to cooperate with the investigation. He further submitted that he is ready to appear before the concerned jurisdictional Court but seeks interim protection since there is likely to be arrested by the 2nd respondent at any point of time. Hence, he prays to grant interim inter-state anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. I have also gone through the summons dated 02.07.2026 issued by the second respondent, which reveals that already twice summons were issued to the petitioner seeking his appearance, wherein it is stated that the allegations regarding the supply of coal was also investigated by

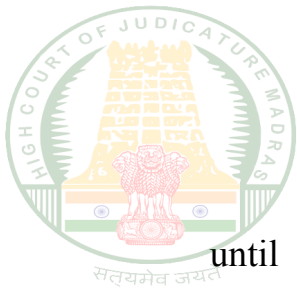


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the second respondent. In view of the said facts and circumstances, this Court is of the view that to enable the petitioner to appear before the concerned jurisdictional Court but seeks interim protection, this Court is inclined to grant interim inter-state anticipatory bail to the petitioner for a period of four weeks to enable her to move the concerned Court.

5. Accordingly, interim inter-state anticipatory bail is granted to the petitioner for a period of four weeks, on condition that the petitioner shall surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate-III, Tuticorin, within a period of seven days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the said learned Magistrate. Further, within four weeks from the date of execution of bail bond, the petitioner shall approach the competent Court in Madhya Pradesh and seek appropriate relief.

6. The order granted by this Court shall remain in force for a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order or



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until such time regular orders are passed by the appropriate Court, whichever, is earlier. Failure on the part of the petitioner to comply with the order within the time frame fixed by this Court, the order shall stand automatically cancelled.

7. With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition stand disposed of.

06.07.2026

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate-III, Tuticorin.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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SIDCO Industrial Estate Thoothukudi Phase-2,
SIPCOT Thoothukudi.
3. The Station House Officer
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Madhya Pradesh.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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K.RAJASEKAR, J

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ORDER
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