

CRL OP(MD). No.14079 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 13/07/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

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Ronald Jacob

... Petitioner/ Accused No.9

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
Kumbakonam West Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.354 of 2026).

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.354 of 2026 on the file of the
Respondent Police.

For Petitioner : S.N. Arunkumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.J.Vishnu,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

For Intervener : Mr.E.Marees Kumar
Advocate.

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under



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Sections 191(2), 329(4), 296(b), 115(2), 351(2) and 303(2) of BNS Act, 2023, in Crime No.354 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner herein is ranked as A9 in this case. Due to the management dispute, the petitioner instigated the other accused to take away certain articles from the school and create a problem in the school. Hence, A1 to A8 went inside the school and damaged some articles and also attempted to take away the same. Hence, the case has been registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that there is a management dispute between the defacto complaint and A1 to A8 and all the articles taken from the school were thrown near the generator room, and they have not taken away any properties and already several civil litigations are pending between the parties and he is ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he



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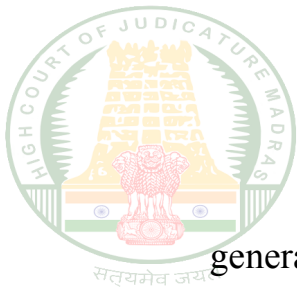
prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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4. The learned Counsel For State of TN (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police, reiterated the prosecution case, and on instructions, reported that the investigation is at preliminary stage. He would further submitted that A1 to A8 were arrested and in custody. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned counsel for the Intervenor submitted that nearly worth about Rs.4,00,000/- properties were taken away and if the petitioner is released on bail, he would indulge in similar kind of offence and there is also subsequent case was registered against the petitioner in Crime No.361 of 2026 on the very same police station. Hence, he vehemently, opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. I have also carefully gone through the statements recorded from the arrested accused and the FIR and other articles, and it is found that the arrested accused have not taken away the articles alleged to have been taken out of the premises. However, it was thrown near the



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generator room and further, A1 to A8 are still in custody.

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7. Considering the above facts and also considering the overt act attributed against the petitioner, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate Court-I, Kumbakonam**, on condition that 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 learned Judicial Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of three weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.



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[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court-I,
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- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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Thanjavur District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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