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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 23.07.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

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1.Suresh
2.Bharathi
3.Chitra

... Petitioners / A1 to A3

Versus

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Velayuthampalayam Police Station,
Karur District.
(Crime No.246 of 2026)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.246 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, or on their appearance.

For Petitioners : Mr.Dhilipan Pandian

For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian,
Counsel for State of TN
(Criminal Side)

For Intervener : Mr.S.Gokul Raj



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest in connection with Crime No.246 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 318(4), 296(b), 118(1) and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, seek the relief of anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner was employed as a Collection Agent in the defacto complainant's finance firm. It is alleged that, during the course of his employment over a period of about two years, he collected substantial amounts from various loan borrowers and other customers of the firm. By fabricating the accounts and other records, the first petitioner is alleged to have misappropriated a sum of Rs.28,30,000/-. Consequently, he was removed from service. It is further alleged that, when the defacto complainant demanded repayment of the misappropriated amount, the first petitioner assured that he would repay the same. When persistent demands were made, the first petitioner allegedly threatened the defacto complainant stating that, if any further demand was made, he would commit suicide and implicate them in a



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criminal case. Thereafter, the first petitioner himself lodged a complaint alleging that he had been assaulted by the defacto complainant and others. Unable to bear the continued acts of intimidation and misappropriation, the defacto complainant lodged the present complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the first petitioner was, in fact, abducted, assaulted and subjected to ill-treatment by the defacto complainant and others, in respect of which a separate case has already been registered in Crime No.234 of 2026 on the file of Velayuthampalayam Police Station, Karur District. It was further submitted that the first petitioner was also a partner in the business activities of the defacto complainant and had independently dealt with the affairs of the firm. According to the learned counsel, the petitioner has not misappropriated any amount as alleged. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail. The learned counsel further submitted that, if this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the first petitioner, he may be permitted to withdraw the petition insofar as the first petitioner is concerned.



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4. Per contra, the learned Counsel for State (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the investigation has revealed that, during the relevant period, a car worth about Rs. 14,00,000/- was purchased in the name of the third petitioner out of the misappropriated funds. It was further revealed that a sum of Rs. 6,00,000/- had been transferred to the bank account of the second petitioner. The learned Counsel for State further submitted that the investigation is still in progress and that grant of anticipatory bail at this stage would seriously hamper the investigation.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the intervenor also opposed the petition, submitting that the petitioners had clandestinely diverted and misappropriated the funds belonging to the finance firm. He further submitted that there are voice recordings and other digital evidence supporting the allegations of misappropriation. Hence, he prayed for dismissal of the petition.

6. This Court has carefully considered the rival submissions and perused the materials available on record.



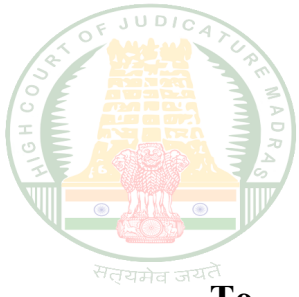
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7. Though it is the case of the petitioners that the first petitioner was abducted and assaulted by the defacto complainant while demanding repayment of the amount, it is an admitted fact that no amount has been repaid by the petitioners. The materials collected during the investigation *prima facie* disclose that funds to the tune of Rs.28,30,000/- have been siphoned off. Admittedly, no part of the alleged misappropriated amount has been recovered so far and the investigation is still in progress. Considering the nature of the allegations, the magnitude of the alleged misappropriation, the fact that the investigation is at a crucial stage and that recovery of the alleged misappropriated amount is yet to be effected, this Court is of the view that grant of anticipatory bail at this stage is likely to hamper the investigation. Accordingly, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief sought for. Hence, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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1. The The Inspector of Police,
Velayuthampalayam Police Station,
Karur District.
2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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