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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 28.07.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

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1.Bulakshmi
2.Nevetha
3.Ravikumar
4.Geetha
5.Prema
6.Gayathri
7.K.P.Mathimaran
8.Mohammed Rafi

... Petitioners / A2 to A9

Versus

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
AWPS Tenkasi,
Tenkasi District.
(Crime No.56 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.56 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, or on their appearance.

For Petitioners : Mr.J.Pandi Dorai



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

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest in connection with Crime No.56 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 296(b) and 115(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, seek the relief of anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that A1, namely Kalithasan, is the husband of the defacto complainant. Their marriage was solemnised in December 2022. It is alleged that, from the date of marriage, the defacto complainant was subjected to continuous harassment by A1 and his family members. It is further alleged that A1 demanded additional dowry, found fault with the dowry articles already given, and repeatedly harassed the defacto complainant. The petitioners also allegedly joined together in abusing and threatening the defacto complainant, stating that she was not fit to be the wife of A1. It is further alleged that A1 and A2 physically assaulted the defacto complainant. Thereafter, the incident was informed to her parents, and she was compelled to leave the



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matrimonial home. Subsequently, in February 2026, A1 caused a legal notice to be issued to the defacto complainant. Thereafter, the present complaint came to be lodged.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. He contended that the allegations levelled against the petitioners are exaggerated and that a minor matrimonial dispute has been blown out of proportion. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation and prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the FIR has been registered only recently, the investigation is still in progress, and no accused has been arrested so far. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail.

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



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6. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, and the fact that the petitioners are only the family members of A1 and the fact that the petitioners have no previous criminal antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

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 days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Tenkasi, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of one week, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation;



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(c) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(e) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned 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 petitioners 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]***; and

(f) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

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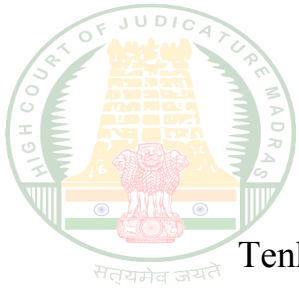
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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate Court,
Tenkasi.

2.The The Sub-Inspector of Police,
AWPS Tenkasi,

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3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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