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Crl.O.P.No.2389 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: **31-01-2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP NO. 2389 of 2025

Manikandan

Vs

Petitioner(s)

The Sub Inspector Of Police,
Ulundurpet Police Station, Kallakurichi District.
in Crime No. 25 of 2025

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): S Saravanakumar

For Respondent(s): Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of BNS r/w. Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.25 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 25.01.2025, while the defacto complainant and his officials were conducting raid near Meppuliyur railway gate, they found that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of 1.5 units of pebbles without any valid permit or license in his vehicle bearing Registration No.TN-31-AA-4964. Hence, this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case; that the petitioner had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he is the owner cum driver of the said vehicle; that the petitioner is also ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertake to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and he prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed for granting of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, stating that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of 1.5 units of pebbles in his vehicle without any valid permit; that the petitioner has one previous case in the year 2019; and that the investigation is pending.



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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side and since, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required in this case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. 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-I, Ulundhurpettai** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:



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[a] the petitioner 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m., until further orders.

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

[d] the petitioner 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 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].

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



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