



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.02.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **SUNDER MOHAN**

Crl.O.P.No.3811 of 2025

Vivek

...Petitioner /Accused No.2

Vs.

State rep. By
Inspector of Police,
Mannargudi Town Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
(Crime No.40 of 2025)

...Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.40 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Swami Subramanian
For Respondent : Mr.S.Balaji
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner/accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 and Section 21(1) of the Mines and



Minerals Act, in Crime No.40 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 4 units of Jalli stone in a vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN-50-BX-2697, without any permit. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the contrabands have been seized; that the custodial interrogation is not required in this case; and that no previous case is pending against the petitioner and hence prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondent police, would submit that the contrabands have been seized; and that no previous is pending against the petitioner.

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



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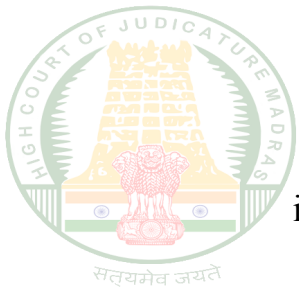
6. Considering the nature of allegations, the facts that the contraband was seized and no previous case is pending against the petitioner and since the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on 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 (15) days from the date on which the order copy was made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, No.I, Mannargudi**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 said Magistrate, on further condition that:

[a] 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, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during



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investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Mannargudi.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Mannargudi Town Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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