



Crl.O.P.No.5594 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.02.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Jaganraj @ Jagan

...Petitioner/Accused 2

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Arani Taluk Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

(Crime No.133 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in Crime No.133 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Sathiyaraj

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent, seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.133 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 303(2), 326(a) of BNS and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

2.The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner had illegally transported 5 units of gravel sand in a lorry.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, he sought for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there



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are three previous cases pending against the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the nature of allegations, the fact that the contraband was seized and the petitioner is on bail in all the previous cases and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, 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 of receipt of copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Arni, Tiruvannamalai District, 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



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Magistrate, on further condition that:

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[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 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 B.N.S.

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Copy to:

1.The Inspector of Police,
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2.The Judicial Magistrate, Arni, Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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