

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CrI.O.P.No.6500 of 2025

1.Jayaprakash

2.Govindharaj Kandhasamy

3.Ramakrishnan Chinnasamy

...Petitioners/Accused 1, 2 & 4

Vs.

State rep by

The Inspector of Police,

G-5,Negamam Police Station,

Coimbatore District.

(Crime No.43 of 2025)

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Respondent

PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.43 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.C.Paul Kanagaraj
for Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.43 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 329(3), 303(2), 324(4) of BNS and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners are the owners and drivers of the lorries, who had removed 612 units of gravel sand by using JCB vehicle and two tipper lorries, from the land belonging to one Narmatha/defacto complainant, without her knowledge. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the allegations are false; that the petitioners were engaged by the defacto complainant to remove the sand and apprehending of arrest, she had accused the petitioners of the commission of the aforesaid offences; and that in any case, further custody of the petitioners is not required and sought for bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and opposed the grant of bail.

5.Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6.Considering the nature of allegations, the period of incarceration and the fact that the petitioners have no previous cases of similar nature, this Court is of the view that further custody of the petitioners is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions:

7.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing separate 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 **Judicial Magistrate – II, Pollachi**, and on further conditions 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 first petitioner shall appear before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation and the petitioners 2 and 3 shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners 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]***;

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

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1.The Inspector of Police,
G-5,Negamam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

2.The Judicial Magistrate – II, Pollachi.

3.Sub Jail, Pollachi.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

SUNDER MOHAN, J.

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