



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

Crl.O.P.No.6864 of 2025

1. Marialouis
2. Silambarasan
3. Kumaravel

...Petitioners/Accused 1 to 3

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Bommidi Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.

(Crime No.24 of 2025)

...Respondent

PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.24 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

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

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.02.2025, seeking bail in Crime No.24 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 331(3), 331(4), 305 of BNS @ Sections 331(3) and 306 of BNS. [Section 454, 457, 380 of IPC @ 454, 381 of IPC].



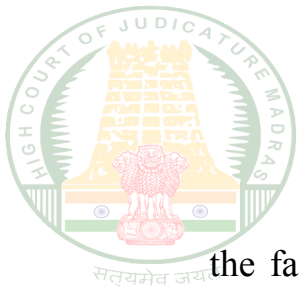
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2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners along with the other accused, who are employees of TANGEDCO, had committed theft of electrical equipments worth about Rs.7,92,435/- from the warehouse of the TANGEDCO, Baiyarnatham. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent; that the stolen articles have been recovered; that co-accused was granted bail; and that in any case, considering the period of incarceration from 12.02.2025, the petitioners may be released on bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the stolen articles have been recovered and that the petitioners have no bad antecedents; that he confirmed the fact that the co-accused was granted bail.

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



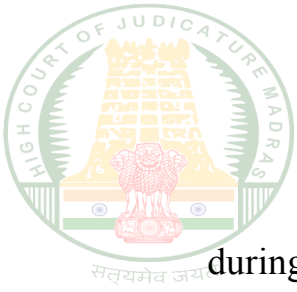
6.Considering the nature of allegations, period of incarceration and the fact that the stolen articles have been recovered and the petitioners have no bad antecedents; that co-accused was granted bail and since further custody of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation, this 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 a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **Judicial Magistrate Court, Pappireddipatti**, 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 petitioners 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;

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[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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High Court, Madras.



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