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Crl.O.P.No.7292 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL O.P NO.7292 of 2025

1. Elangovan
S/o. Ganesan
2. Uma Maheshwari
W/o. Elangovan
3. Lingesh Kumar
S/o. Elangovan

....Petitioners/Accused 2 to 4

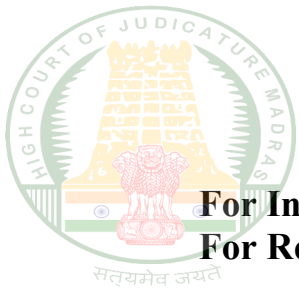
Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Women Police Station,
Villianour, Puducherry
(Crime No.02 of 2025)

....Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest **in Crime No.02 of 2025**, pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr. Narayana Prasadh



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**For Intervener
For Respondent**

: Mr. Manoj
: Mr. S. Balaji
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 354, 498(A), 506(ii) and 509 r/w 34 of IPC and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, in Crime No.02 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners are the father-in-law, mother-in-law and brother-in-law respectively of the *de facto* complainant; that the marriage between the first accused and the *de facto* complainant was solemnised on 03.05.2024; that the first accused along with the other accused had demanded dowry and caused cruelty to the *de facto* complainant.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the allegations are false; that A1 was working in United Kingdom and that A1 had spent substantial money for obtaining visa for the *de facto* complainant and for that purpose he pledged the jewels of the



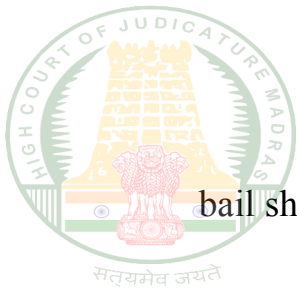
de facto complainant.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioners had appeared before the respondent for enquiry.

5. Considering the aforesaid facts, the nature of allegations, and since custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Mahila Court, Puducherry**, on condition that each of 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 learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory



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bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners 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 first petitioner shall report before the respondent police once a week at 10:30 a.m., until further orders and the other petitioners shall report before the respondent police as and when required.

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

[d] the petitioners 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 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].



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

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3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras



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