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Crl.OP.No.8332 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Anandharaj ... Petitioner(s) /Accused

Vs.

The State rep by
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Kairlabath Police Station,
Ariyalur District.
Crime No.144 of 2024

... Respondent(s)/ Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest pending investigation in Crime No.144 of 2024 on the file of the respondent.

For petitioner(s) : Mr.T.Muruganantham

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Santhosh,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 21(1) and 21(2) of MMDR Act, 1957 in Crime No.144 of 2024, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported 2 units of river sand in 2 mini trucks.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent; that he has been falsely implicated in this case and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.

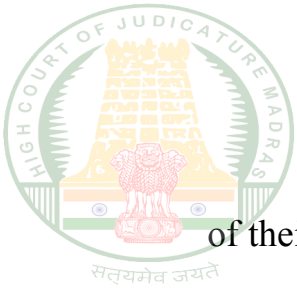


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5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband was seized, the petitioner has no bad antecedents and since, custodial interrogation 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.

6. 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 on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Ariyalur**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties 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 bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy



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of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

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[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner 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];

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

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2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai.
3. Judicial Magistrate No.1, Ariyalur



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