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Crl.O.P.No.9009 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP No. 9009 of 2025

1. R.Manikandan
2. G.Veera Pandiyan
3. G.Veeramuthu

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented by,
The Sub-Inspector Of Police,
Sethiyathope Police Station,
Cuddalore District. (Crime No.61 of 2025)

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Manivasagan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Balaji,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

PRAYER To enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest by the Respondent in Crime No.61 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent.

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Section 303(2), 326(a) of BNS r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.61 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that, the accused had illegally transported river sand without getting any permission from the Government.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent; that they have been falsely implicated in this case and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, reiterated the prosecution case and on instructions submitted that the contraband has been seized and that two previous cases registered under IPC offence are pending against the petitioners and they are on bail in those cases.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of allegations, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the contraband has been seized and since, custodial interrogation is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.



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7. 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.I, Chidambaram, Cuddalore**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond each 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 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent Police as and when required for interrogation.

[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.



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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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Cuddalore District.
2. The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Chidambaram, Cuddalore.

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