



Crl.OP.No.9298 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 28.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

Crl.O.P.No.9298 of 2025

Nanthagopal @ Gopal

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Virudhachalam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

(Crime No.142 of 2025)

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event
of arrest in Crime No.142 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : M/s.S.Kasirajan

For Respondent : Mr.S.Balaji
Government Advocate(Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent
police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2), 326(a) of BNS and
Section 21 (1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act
1957 in Crime No.142 of 2025, seek anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that, the petitioner had illegally transported 6 units of gravel sand.

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 there are 2 previous cases pending against the petitioner.

5. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defence and contention, is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

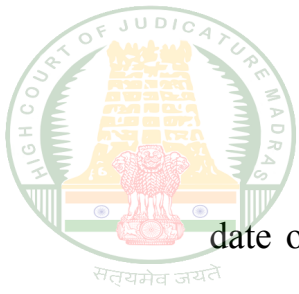


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6. Considering the voluntary submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)** as non refundable deposit to “**District Legal Services Authority, Cuddalore District**”, without prejudice to the right of the defence before the Trial Court and making it clear that it would not amount to admission of guilt.

7. 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 was seized, 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.

8. Accordingly, petitioner is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of **Rs.10,000/- [Rupees Ten Thousan Only]** directly to the credit of “**District State Legal Services Authority, Cuddalore District**”, without prejudice to the right of the defence before the Trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, 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***

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Magistrate No-I, Virudhachalam, 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 conditions 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 of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

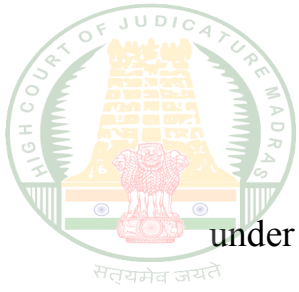
[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[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 Petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the Petitioner 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



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under Section 269 BNS.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Virudhachalam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

2.The Learned Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Virudhachalam.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai.

SUNDER MOHAN , J.

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