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Crl.O.P.No.10211 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL OP NO.10211 of 2025

M. Manigandan

Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

State rep. by,
The Inspector of Police,
H8 - Thiruvottiyur Police Station,
Greater Chennai City Police.
(Crime No.543 of 2025).

Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police concerned in Crime No.543 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. D. Ilayaraja

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



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ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of BNS (Section 379 of IPC) r/w. Section 21(1) of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.543 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that while the respondent were conducting vehicle inspection, they found that the accused/A1 was involved in illegal transportation of 1 unit of river sand in a lorry bearing Registration No.TN-18-BT-4794; and that upon investigation, it is revealed that the petitioner/A2, who is the owner of the above said lorry also involved in the said offence. Hence, this case.

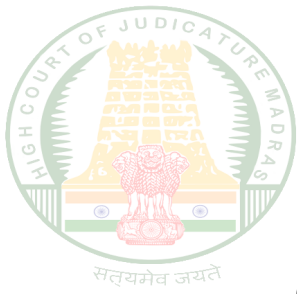
3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession of A1; that the petitioner had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; that the petitioner is



the owner of the lorry and without his knowledge, A1, who is the driver of the said lorry had indulged in the aforesaid offence; and that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertake to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and on instruction submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents; and that the investigation is pending, hence opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the fact that the petitioner has no bad antecedents and implicated only on the confession of the arrested accused 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.



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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 made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvottiur** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 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 of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10:30 a.m., until further orders.

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



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[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 under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate - I, Thiruvottiyur.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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