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Crl.O.P.No.10822 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-04-2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN**

**CRL O.P NO.10822 of 2025**

F. Rino @ Rino Thomas  
S/o. Francis

....Petitioner/Accused - 2

Vs

The State represented by  
The Forest Ranger Officer,  
Kovai Forest Range Office,  
Thadagam South Division,  
Coimbatore District  
(W.L.O.R. No.2 of 2025)

....Respondent

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya  
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory  
bail in the event of his arrest **in W.L.O.R. No.2 of 2025**, on the file of the  
respondent police.

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| <b>For Petitioner</b> | : Mr. K. Sheenivasan                               |
| <b>For Respondent</b> | : Mr. S. Balaji<br>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 Sections 39-1(b), 39(2), 48(A), 49(B), 50 and 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) amendment act, 2022 in W.L.O.R. No.2/2025, on the file of the respondent, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that during the inspection they found the co-accused in possession of elephant tusks, leopard teeth and leopard claws and that it was revealed from the confession of the co-accused that the leopard teeth and leopard claws were supplied by the petitioner. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the allegations are false; that the petitioner is implicated based on the confession of the co-accused and that the petitioner has no bad antecedent and sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner is implicated based on the confession of the co-accused.

5. Considering, the nature of allegation against the petitioner, the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side and the fact that 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 made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Coimbatore District**, on condition that 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 bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:



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[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 everyday 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].



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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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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.II, Coimbatore District.
2. The Forest Ranger Officer,  
Kovai Forest Range Office,  
Thadagam South Division,  
Coimbatore District
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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**SUNDER MOHAN, J.**

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