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Crl.O.P.No.15672 of 202



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

Crl.O.P.No.15672 of 2025

1.Manogaran

2.Lakshmi

3.Govindaraji

... Petitioners/Accused 1-3

Vs.

State rep by
The Forest Range Officer,
Aandiyappanur Beat,
Thirupathur Range,
Thirupathur District.

(WLOR No.1 of 2025)

... Respondent

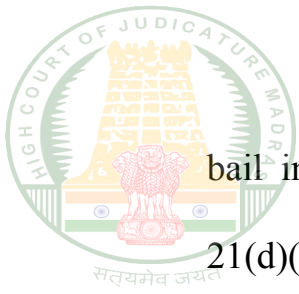
PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in WLOR No.1 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Sasikumar

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent, seeking anticipatory



bail in WLOR No.1 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 21(d)(h) and 51 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 and Sections 9, 39(1), 50(1)(a)(b)(c), 51(1) of Indian Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 (Amendment Act, 2023).

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners were found in illegal possession of stag meat in Thirupathur Forest Range. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioners are ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court and sought for anticipatory bail.

4.Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

5.Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

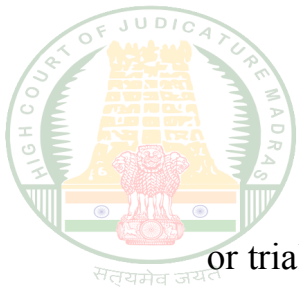


6.Considering the facts and circumstances, the nature of allegations and since custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, before the **Judicial Magistrate No-II, Thirupathur**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute separate bond for sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each 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 said Magistrate, on further conditions that:

[a] 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 everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;



[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

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[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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*** reported in [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

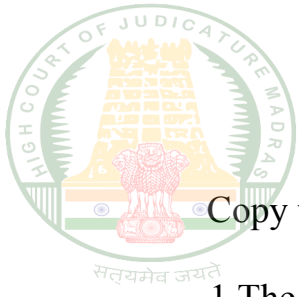
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