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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.05.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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Devendran

... Petitioner/Accused 1

Vs.

State rep by
The Forest Range Officer,
Komutteri Division,
Jamunamarathur Forest Range,
Jamunamarathur,
Thiruvannamalai District.

(O.R.No.01 of 2025)

... Respondent

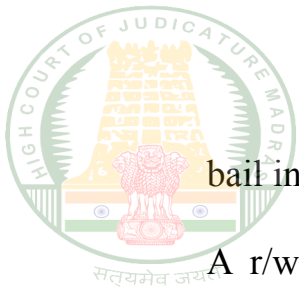
PRAYER: This criminal original petition has been filed under Section 482 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in O.R.No.01 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.D.Sugumar

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

ORDER

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



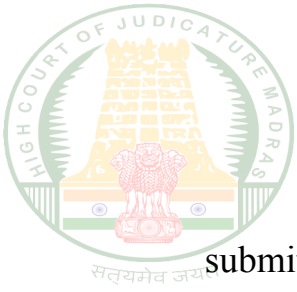
bail in O.R.No.01 of 2025 registered for the offence under Sections 35, 36-

A r/w 36-E of Tamil Nadu Forest Act (V 1882) and Rule 3 of Sandal Wood (Possession) Rules 1957.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner, along with the other accused, was found in illegal possession of sandal woods in vehicles bearing Regn.No.TN-43-E-0328 and Regn.No.TN-45-BB-1948. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that contraband was seized. He would further submit that the petitioner is 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 submitted that the contraband was seized and that the petitioner has two previous cases pending against him.



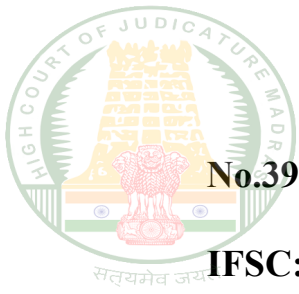
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5.At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his defense and contention, is ready and willing to deposit an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme of the Government or any other organization.

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

7.Considering the nature of allegations, the submission that the petitioner is willing to deposit an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) as non-refundable deposit to any welfare scheme, the fact that the contraband was seized, and since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8.Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT/cash/demand draft in favour of the “**Dean, Stanley Government Medical College and Hospital, Chennai bearing A/c.**



No.39219285071, State Bank of India, Old Jail Road, Stanley Hospital,

IFSC: SBIN0001476”, without prejudice to his rights and contentions

before the trial Court, on such deposit and production of proof, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of copy of this order, before the **Judicial Magistrate, Polur, Thiruvannamalai District**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for 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 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 petitioner shall report before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate from Monday to Friday at 10.30 a.m., and shall report before the respondent police on Saturday and Sunday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

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



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[d] the petitioner 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 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*** 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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High Court of Madras.

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