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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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Sridhar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Pathrivedu Police Station
Thiruvallur District
Crime No. 81 of 2025

... Respondent

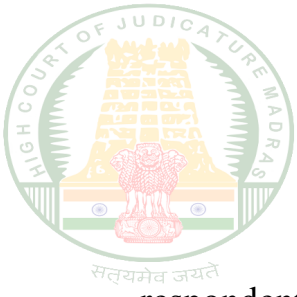
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.81 of 2025 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sasikumar.S

For Respondent : Mr.R.Vinothraja
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offences under Section 303(2), 326(a), BNS 2023 and Section 21(1) Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957, in Crime No.81 of 2025, on the file of the



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respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and two other accused had illegally transported 1 unit of river sand by using a Tractor without any valid license. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution. The learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is the owner of the tractor involved in the alleged occurrence. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there is one previous case is pending against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

8. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust and on such deposit 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 **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,**



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Gummidipoondi, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a 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 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 deposit a sum of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

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

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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



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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]**.

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

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Note :

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Gummidipoondi
2. The Inspector of Police
Pathrivedu Police Station
Thiruvallur District
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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