



Crl.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

WEB COPY

DATED: 30.06.2025

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

Crl.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

1.S.Mathaiyan @ Arasi Mathaiyan
2.M.Meganathan
3.S.Ravi

... Petitioners/A1 to A3

Vs

State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Poolampatti Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.149 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in
the event of their arrest in Crime No.149 of 2025 pending on the file of the
respondent police.

For petitioners : Mr.A.Samson

For Respondent : Mr.V.Meganathan
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



CrI.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

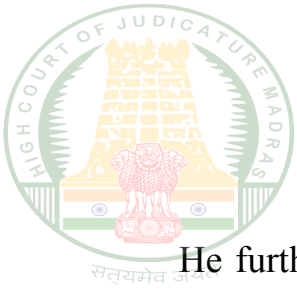
ORDER

WEB COPY

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 115(2) and 118(1) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.149 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners had taken the photos and videos of one Sathya. When the same was questioned by the de-facto complainant, there was a wordy quarrel between the de-facto complainant and the petitioners. The petitioners attacked the de-facto complainant, thereby he sustained injury. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that a counter complaint has been registered in Crime No.148 of 2025 against the de-facto complainant.



Crl.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

He further submitted that the injured has been discharged from the hospital.

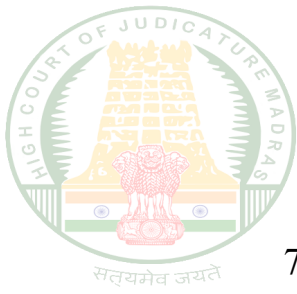
WEB COPY

Hence, prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that a counter complaint has been registered in Crime No.148 of 2025 before the respondent as against the de-facto complainant and now the injured has been discharged from the hospital.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the submissions made on either side and it is a case in counter and the fact that injured has been discharged from the hospital, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.



CrI.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

WEB COPY

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Edappadi**, on condition that the petitioners 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] if the petitioners fail to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[b] The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identify proofs to ensure their identity;



CrI.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

WEB COPY

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police every day at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for further interrogation;

[d] the petitioners shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] the petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation by the respondent as and when required;

[f] the petitioners to give an undertaking that if required for being identified by witnesses during investigation or for Police custody beyond the first fifteen days, they shall comply to the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

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

[h] 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 [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];



WEB COPY



Crl.O.P.No.18062 of 2025

M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

rsi

[i] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

30.06.2025

rsi

To:

1. The Inspector of Police,
Poolampatti Police Station,
Salem District.

2. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Edappadi.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court Madras.

Crl.O.P.No.18062 of 2025