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Crl.O.P.No.18998 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.07.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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1. Abirami ...Petitioner / A1
2. Sugantha @ Sugantha Lakshmi ...Petitioner / A2

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. By Inspector of Police,
Karumalaikoodal Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No.322 of 2025

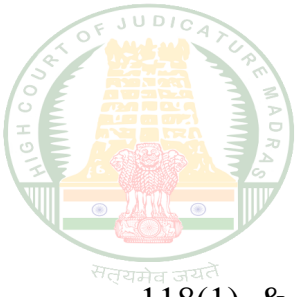
... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in connection with Crime No. 322 of 2025 on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioners : M/s.G.Magesh Kumar
For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 333, 133, 115(2),



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118(1) & 351(3) of BNS 2023 in Crime No.322 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that A1 and one Venkatesh are husband and wife. Due to a matrimonial dispute, A1 and A2 slapped the defacto complainant who is the father in law of A1, since he demanded dowry. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioner are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that A3 mother of A1 was released on bail and opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either sides and taking note of the nature of the 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 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 **Judicial Magistrate No.III, Salem** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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:

[a] if the petitioners fail to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;



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[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

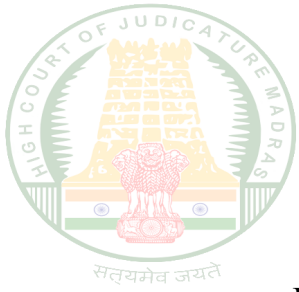
[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent Police everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders;

[d] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial and they shall make themselves available for interrogation by a Police Officer as and when required;

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

[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, he shall comply to the directions as may be given by the Court in this regard;

[g] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on bail by the learned



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Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283]**;

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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.III, Salem
2. The Inspector of Police,
Karumalaikoodal Police Station,
Salem District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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