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Crl.O.P.No.20495 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.07.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

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1.Ashok @ Ashokkumar

2.Shanmugaththarasu

3.Seerengan

4.Rasu @ Rajendran

5.Ganesh Goundar @ Palanisamy

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Edapadi Police Station
Salem District.
(Crime No.316 of 2025)

... Respondent

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in connection with Crime No.316 of 2025 on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Sudharsan

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam

Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the offences under Sections 189(2), 329(3), 296(b), 132 and 351(2) of BNS, in Crime No.316 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused went to the office of the Village Administrative Officer and abused the officer in unparliamentary language demanding alteration of records. Based on this incident, the VAO lodged a complaint against the petitioners.

3. The contention of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners is that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that there is no specific overt act attributed against the petitioners. Hence, he prays for the grant of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for granting anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He further submitted that there is no previous case against the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the submission made by the learned counsel appearing



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on both sides and the nature of the allegations, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to 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 **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Edapadi, Salem District**, on condition that petitioners shall execute 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 fails to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled;

[c] 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;

[d] **the petitioners shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m, for a period of three**



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weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[e] 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;

[f] 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;

[g] 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;

[h] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**;



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[i] 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Edapadi, Salem District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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M.NIRMAL KUMAR, J.

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