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Crl.OP.No.23311 of 2025 etc., (5)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.Nos. 23311, 23312, 23313 & 23314 of 2025

1.S.Mukundh	.. Petitioner in Crl.O.P.No. 23311/2025
2.Puritipati Naresh Kumar	.. Petitioner in Crl.O.P.No. 23312/2025
3.Mohammed Vadoodh	... Petitioner in Crl.O.P.No. 23313/2025
4.Dhiraj H.Jha	... Petitioner in Crl.O.P. No. 17898/2025

Versus

State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
M-3, Puzhal Police Station
Chennai

Crime No. 553 of 2025.

... Respondent in all Crl.OPs

COMMON PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of arrest of their arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.553 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

Crl.O.P.Nos. 23311 & 23312 of 2025:

For Petitioners : Mr.P.V.Balasubramanian, Senior Advocate
For Mr.Abraham Prabhu

For Intervener : Mr.S.Anantha Narayanan, Senior Advocate
For S.Chandhan Babu



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For Respondent : Mr.S.Udayakumar
Government Advocate, Criminal Side

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For Petitioners : Mr.A.Ramesh, Senior Advocate
For Mr.R.Vijay

For Intervener : Mr.S.Anantha Narayanan, Senior Advocate
For S.Chandhan Babu

For Respondent : Mr.S.Udayakumar
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

COMMON ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 174 CrPC., (Section 194 of BNS) which is altered as offence u/s.108 of BNS in Crime No. 553 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail (in all petitions).



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners who are the officers, working in M/s.Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited under various capacities. The deceased in this case namely, Naveen Bollineni was also employed as “Treasury Manager” under the company. The deceased had misappropriated a sum of Rs.45,00,00,000/- from the said company and diverted the said amount to various accounts of his family members. In order to settle the payment on 26.06.2025, the deceased had transferred Rs.5,00,00,000/- from his personal account to the company bank account and also handed over eight post dated cheques to ensure repayment of the said misappropriated amount. Subsequently, he committed suicide by hanging after writing down “suicide note” dated 09.07.2025. Based on the complaint lodged by the sister of the deceased, the respondent police registered an FIR in Crime No. 553 of 2025 under Section 174 CrPC (Section 194 of BNSS). Since it is alleged that due to the harassment made by the petitioners herein, the deceased was committed suicide, these petitioners filed these petitions.



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3.The learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the 'suicide note' of the deceased revealed that he had involved in misappropriation by transferring the 'funds of the company' to the bank accounts of his family members including his mother. Though, company came to know about the involvement of the family members of the deceased, company filed a complaint only against the deceased and immediately, enquiry was conducted by the Central Crime Branch, Chennai CCB). During enquiry, the deceased had returned some amount, issued cheques to settle the amount. In order to save his family members from the alleged misappropriation, he had committed suicide after writing down elaborate “suicide note” dated 09.07.2025. The petitioners have not abated the suicide, it was a extreme step taken by the deceased due to his guilty mind set. The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to furnish sufficient solvent sureties for their release. Hence,



he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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4.The learned Counsel for the Intervener/De-facto complainant submitted that the petitioners/accused had threatened the deceased continuously, which forced him to reach a stage that he would get solace only by taking extreme step of committing suicide. The de-facto complainant is also a victim and lost her brother. Suicide note reveals that despite the deceased had returned the amount of Rs.5,00,00,000/- and also he had given various post dated cheques to pay the balance amount and he was under the pressure to repay the balance amount, the petitioners have also threatened the deceased continuously. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5.The learned Government Advocate [Criminal Side] appearing for the respondent police reported that the petitioners were enquired by the respondent police. However, there was no co-operation for the investigation



from the side of the de-facto complainant. Hence, the respondent police

were not in a position to conclude the investigation. He further submits that investigation is pending against the petitioners. He opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6.This Court had initially granted interim protection on 25.08.2025 directing the respondent police to conduct an investigation and the petitioners were directed to appear before the respondent police for the purpose of investigation.

7.On perusal of records, and also the 'suicide note' dated 09.07.2025, the deceased has elaborately stated about his misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs.45,00,00,000/- from M/s.Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited and that the deceased had assured to repay the said amount. For security purpose, the company has also collected property documents, passport, post dated cheques from the deceased to collect the said amount.



However, no receipt was given to the deceased. He also declares that, the company could not recover any amount from the deceased. The suicide note, further reveals that the deceased wanted to put an end his life to settle the entire issue by committing suicide and attempted to save his family members from the consequences. Hence, I am of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners for the purpose of this case of nature is not required.

8.Considering the above facts and reasons stated in earlier paragraph, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. The petitioners had already granted interim bail by this Court by order dated 25.08.2025, with conditions and they shall continue the conditions imposed, for 3 more weeks and thereafter, appear before the respondent as and when required. They shall comply with other conditions also.



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1.The Judicial Magistrate, Madhavaram.

2.The Inspector of Police,
M-3, Puzhal Police Station
Chennai
Crime No. 553 of 2025.

3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

K.RAJASEKAR, J.,

MSM

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