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Crl.OP.No.28620 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : **22.10.2025**

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.28620 of 2025

Arumugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Kaanai Police Station,
Villupuram District.
(Crime No.188 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the Crime No.188 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Krishnakumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and 303(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No. 188 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that based on the secret information, the respondent police went to the scene of occurrence and found that the petitioner had illegally transported $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand from thenpennai river to Draupathi Amman temple, with the help of bullock cart. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) for the respondent police, submitted that the petitioner had involved in illegal transportation of $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand and that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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5. Considering the nature of allegations, the submissions made by learned counsels on either side, and considering the fact that the petitioner is not only illegally quarried river sand but also caused damage to the ecology and river bed, therefore, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kaanai Police Station,
Villupuram District.

2. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras,
Chennai 600 104.



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