



Crl.O.P.No.34150 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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1.Raveendhiran @ Ravindhiran
2.Karthik @ Karthick

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State rep.By,
The Inspector of Police,
Villupuram Taluk Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No.797 of 2025

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory
bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.797 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ganesh Pandian
For Respondent : M/s.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioners herein apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 297 of BNS 2023 read with Section 5, 7(3) Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998, in Crime No.797 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that, while the respondent police were conducting inspection, they found that the accused person/ A1 was in possession of banned lottery tickets; that upon interrogating A1, he confessed that the petitioners/A2 & A3 herein and other accused instigated and engaged him to sell the lottery tickets. Hence, this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case, based on the confession of the co-accused; that the petitioners had never committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution; and that the petitioners are ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also undertake to appear and to co-operate for the investigation, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners, stating that the petitioners along with other accused was involved in illegal sale of banned lottery tickets, that the petitioners having two previous cases pending against them; and that the investigation is pending.

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

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the nature of allegation against the petitioners, submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the petitioners are on bail for the other cases registered against them and since, custodial interrogation is not required, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.



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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-1, Villupuram** on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10:30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.



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[e] 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].

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

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To

1.Judicial Magistrate No.I, Villupuram.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Villupuram Taluk Police Station,
Villupuram District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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