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CRL OP No. 35519 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 30-12-2025**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL**

**CRL OP No. 35519 of 2025**

John Williams

Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep by The Inspector of Police  
Velankanni Police Station,  
Nagapattinam District.  
Crime No. 437 of 2025

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER**

The Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 437 of 2025 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J Jawahar

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Udaya Kumar,  
Govt. Advocate (Crl. side)

**ORDER**

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 3(2)(a), 3(2)(b), 4(1), 5(1)(a) of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, in Crime No.437 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused have involved in immoral trafficking in a lodge at Velankanni. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the owner of the lodge and he is no way connected with the alleged offence. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent reiterated the case of the prosecution and on instructions submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the lodge and no previous cases pending against him. He further submitted that the prime accused were arrested and released on bail.

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

6. Considering the nature of offence, and the fact that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, that the prime accused were arrested and released on bail and the fact that the petitioner is the owner of the lodge and rented it to the prime accused, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the



event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Kilvelur**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

**[a] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10 a.m., for a period of four weeks.**

[b] the petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

[c] the petitioner shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

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

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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 B.N.S.2023.

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To

1.The District Munsif cum Judicial  
Magistrate, Kilvelur

2.The Public Prosecutor, High Court,  
Madras.

3.The Inspector of Police,  
Velankanni Police Station,  
Nagapattinam District.



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**P.DHANABAL J.**

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