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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 22/01/2025

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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1. Ranjith Kumar,
S/o Saravanan,
No.28/a, Bharathiyar Street,
Kamarajapuram,
Madurai North,
Madurai-623009..

2. Elango,
S/o Gandhi,
No.12 North Street,
Samanatham,
Madurai -625009..

... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.2 & 3

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
Jaihindpuram Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.39 of 2025).

... Respondent/Complainant



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For Petitioners : Mr.K.Lenin,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.B.Thanga Aravind,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.39 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners / Accused Nos.2 and 3, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for offences under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of BNS, 2023 and Sections 5 and 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998 in Crime No.39 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent Police received a secret information to the effect that illegal online lottery booking is taking place. Accused No.1 was secured and on verifying his mobile phone, it came to light that the accused persons are involved in illegal lottery bookings. There are totally three accused persons in this case and the petitioners have been arrayed as Accused Nos.2 and 3. Accused No.1 was arrested in this case and based on his confession, the



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petitioners have been arrayed as accused.

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3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent Police.

4. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that the alleged transactions had taken place through online mode and there are no previous cases against the petitioners and the petitioners have been arrayed as Accused Nos.2 and 3 based on the confession of Accused No.1, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions.

5. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Madurai District, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten 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 said Magistrate, on further condition that:



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[a] if the petitioners fail to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days, this order shall stand automatically cancelled.

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police every Friday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four 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;

[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 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]*; and;

[f] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.



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TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.IV
MADURAI DISTRICT.
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
MADURAI DISTRICT.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
JAIHINDPURAM POLICE STATION,
MADURAI DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER
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