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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 18.02.2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

CRL.OP(MD). No.2956 of 2025

1.Karthic Raja @ Karthik Raja

2.Jegathisan @ Jegathishwaran

3.Ponni @ Ponmani

4.Gopi @ Gobinath

5.Magalingam @ Sundaramahalingam

... Petitioners/ Accused 1 to 5

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by

The Inspector of Police,

Thevaram Police Station,

Theni District.

(Crime No.18 of 2025)

... Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER :- The Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in Crime No.18 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.



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For Petitioners : Mr.A.R. Kannappan, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners on 14.02.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 191(2), 126(2), 296(b), 115(2), 118(1) and 351(2) of BNS in Crime No.18 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that due to previous dispute with regard to the love affair between a relative of the defacto complainant and A1, on 15.01.2025 at about 1.15 pm, when the defacto complainant and his wife were walking towards their house from Singapore Mahal, the petitioners herein came on Two-Wheeler from the opposite direction and attacked him with bricks, striking him on the right wrist and caused injuries and also threatened him with dire consequences. Hence, the



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4. Mr.A.R.Kannappan, the learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He, however, submits that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prays to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

5. Per contra, Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there are no previous cases against the petitioners. He further submits that the injured was admitted in the hospital on 15.01.2025 and discharged on 17.01.2025 due to intuition injury. However, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the nature of the offence alleged against the petitioners and also considering the fact that the petitioners have permanent residence and deep roots in the society and therefore,



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there is less possibility of absconding and taking note of the fact that there are no previous cases against the petitioners and also with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioners to reform themselves, this Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioners shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of their arrest or in the event of their surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Bodinayakkanur, Theni District, within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the said Magistrate.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioners shall appear and sign before the respondent-police daily at 5.00 pm until further orders.



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(iv) The petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(v) The petitioners 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 him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

vi) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and tamper with evidence.

(vii) The petitioners shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

(viii) The petitioners shall furnish their residential address and mobile number to the concerned Magistrate.

(ix) The petitioners shall not enter into the defacto complainant's house or his work place.



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(x) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court, as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by him as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283].

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated supra.

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
BODINAYAKKANUR, THENI DISTRICT.

2 DO-THROUGH-THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
THENI DISTRICT.



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3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THEVARAM POLICE STATION,
THENI DISTRICT.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

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