



CRL OP(MD). No.4896 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 17.03.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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1.Naganathan

2.Eswaran @ Eswara Pandian

3.Mathan

4.Vairamuthu

... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 to 4

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thondi Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
Crime No.56 of 2025

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.D.Venkatesh

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS, 2023

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.56 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.



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ORDER: The Court made the following order :-

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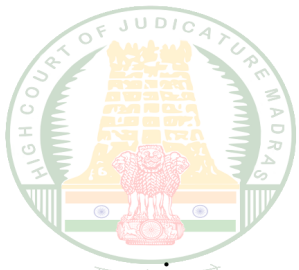
This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners on 13.03.2025 under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 and Section 21(4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.56 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that based on secret information, on 08.03.2025, at about 05.00 a.m., the respondent-Police found the petitioners illegally excavating and transporting river sand from Vaigai River through a Bolero Pick-up vehicle bearing Registration No.TN 63 BD 5729. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.D.Venkatesh, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners did not commit 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. Hence, he prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

5. Per contra, Mr.S.S.Manoj, learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that the first petitioner has nine



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previous cases, which are not similar in nature and that the petitioners 2 to 4 have no previous case. However, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

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

7. The petitioners have permanent residence and deep roots in the Society and therefore, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and considering the nature of the offences alleged against the petitioners and also considering the fact that the petitioners have no previous case similar to the present crime and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioners to reform themselves, this Court is inclined to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioners shall be released on bail in the event of their arrest or in the event of their surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvadanai, 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvadanai;

(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;

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

(iv) 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;

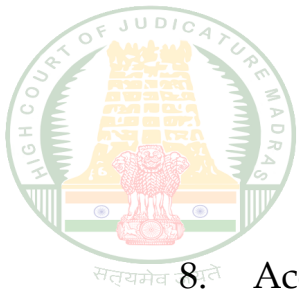
(v) The petitioners shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

(vi) Thereafter, the petitioners shall appear and sign before the respondent-Police daily at 05.00 p.m. until further orders;

(vii) The petitioners shall furnish their residential address and mobile number to the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvadanai;

(viii) The petitioners shall not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence; and

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, concerned 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 them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283].



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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
THIRUVADANAI.

2 DO-THROUGH
THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THONDI POLICE STATION,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.

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

+1 CC to M/s.D.VENKATESH, Advocate (SR-3008[I] dated 18/03/2025)

ORDER

IN

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