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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.04.2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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1.Balan

2.Sudharsan

... Petitioners / Accused
Rank Not Known

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Koodankulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.554 of 2024)

... 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.554 of 2024 on the file of the respondent-police.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Rajesh,
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 07.04.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying



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to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

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2. The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent-Police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 in Crime No.554 of 2024 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant lodged a complaint stating that, on 06.12.2024, at about 05:00 p.m., some unknown persons had stolen two batteries from the school bus bearing Registration No. TN-63-T-3699, which was parked at Indira Nagar, Koodankulam. Based on the complainant, an FIR was registered.

4. Mr.P.Rajesh, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submits that the petitioners have no previous case. He however submits that the petitioners are ready to abide by the conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant 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 totally five accused persons in this case and the petitioners have been arrayed as A2 and



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A3. He further submits that A2 has 6 previous cases and A3 has one previous case.

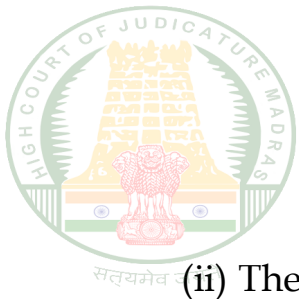
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He further submits that the stolen properties have been recovered. He further submits that if this Court grants pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, they will commit similar type of offence and cause threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses. 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 hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the offence alleged against the petitioners 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 Court, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli, 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 Court, Radhapuram, Tirunelveli.



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(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 10.00 a.m., until further orders.

(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 also not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses and shall not tamper the 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) 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



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against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions
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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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1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Radhapuram,
Tirunelveli.

2.Do Through
The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Tirunelveli.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Koodankulam Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.



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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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