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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.04.2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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1.Manthirakkani

2.Murugan

... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 &2

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Valliyur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.251 of 2025)

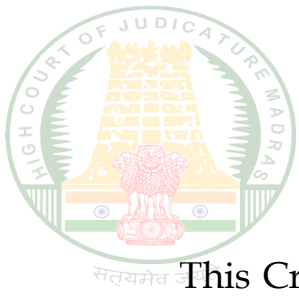
... Respondent / Complainant

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.251 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

For Petitioners : Mr.A.Arun Ramnath,
Advocate
for M/s.Spicy Law Firm

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

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners on 16.04.2025 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 115(2), 296(b), 318(2) and 351(2) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman Act, in Crime No.251 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners lent money to the defacto complainant on 28.10.2024, on the assurance that it would be repaid within three months. When the repayment was delayed, the petitioners issued a post-dated cheque, which was subsequently returned due to stop payment instructions. Arising out of the said monetary dispute, a wordy quarrel ensued between the petitioners and the defacto complainant, during which the petitioners assaulted the defacto complainant and caused injuries. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.A.Arun Ramnath, the learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are innocent persons, they have not committed any offence as alleged



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by the prosecution and a false case has been foisted against the petitioners. He however submits that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions that may 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 totally two accused persons in this case, who are the petitioners herein, have been arrayed as A1 and A2. He further submits that there are no previous cases against the petitioners. He further submits that the injured person was admitted to the hospital on 13.04.2025 and discharged on 14.04.2025. He further contends that if the petitioners are released on pre-arrest bail, they will again cause threat to the defacto complainant. He therefore 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. Hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the nature of the offence alleged against the petitioners and taking note



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of the fact that the injured was discharged from hospital and 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Valliyur, Tirunelveli 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 learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Valliyur, Tirunelveli District.

(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.



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(iv) The petitioners shall appear before the respondent-police as and when required for interrogation.

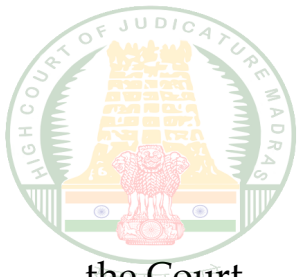
(v) The petitioners shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(vi) 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.

(vii) The petitioners shall also not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the defacto complainant, his family members and witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence.

(viii) The petitioners shall not enter into the defacto complainant's house or his working place and shall also not try to contact the defacto complainant.

(ix) The petitioners shall not leave India without the previous permission of



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the Court.

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

(xi) 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,
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1.THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT,
VALLIYUR,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.



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2. DO THROUGH

THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VALLIYUR POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

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

ORDER

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