



CRL OP(MD). No.7662 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25/04/2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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1. Viswanathan
2. Sivaramakrishnan
3. Prabakaran

... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 to 3

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Athirampattinam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.207 of 2025).

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr. D.R. Murugesan,
Advocate
For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.207/2025 on the file of the Respondent Police.



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WEB COPY ORDER: The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners on 23.04.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioners / Accused Nos.1 to 3 apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Section 303 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, r/w. Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.207 of 2024 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.04.2025, when the respondent - Police were on patrol duty, they found that the petitioners herein were illegally excavating and transporting $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand by using a bullock Cart. The vehicle along with illegally transported river sand was seized. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.D.R.Murugesan, the learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are innocent person, and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He however



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submits that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. He therefore prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

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5. Per contra, Mr.S.S.Manoj, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there is no previous case pending against the 3rd petitioner and that there are one previous case pending against the petitioners 1 and 2. He further submits that the investigation of the case is still pending and, therefore, at this stage of investigation, if pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioners, they may cause threat to the witnesses and commit the similar offence. Accordingly, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

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

7. In view of the offence alleged against the petitioners and quantity of sand allegedly excavated and transported by the petitioners and also considering the fact that vehicle along with allegedly transported sand has already been seized by defacto complainant, the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not necessary in this case. The petitioners have permanent residence and deep roots in the society and therefore, there is less possibility for absconding. Considering the same, and



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also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and and with a view to give
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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 pre-arrest bail in the event of their arrest or in the event of their surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, within a period of 15 days from 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 the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai.

(ii) The petitioners 1 and 2 shall pay a non – refundable amount of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each in favour of the District Green Committee, Thanjavur, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court and produce the receipt / acknowledgment before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai at the time of executing the sureties.

(iii) 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



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Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, shall obtain a copy of
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any one of identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iv) The petitioners shall appear and sign before the respondent - police daily at 10.00 am until further orders;

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

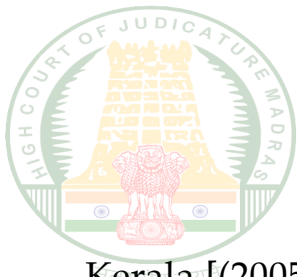
(vi) The petitioners shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

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

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

(ix) The petitioners shall furnish their residential address and mobile number to the the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai.

(x) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the the learned Judicial Magistrate, Pattukkottai, 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



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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, Pattukkottai,
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Thanjavur District @ Kumbakonam.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Athirampattinam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.D.R.MURUGESAN, Advocate (SR-4786[I] dated 25/04/2025)



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