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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 28/04/2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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Santhoshkumar

... Petitioner/ Accused No.2

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep.By, the Inspector of Police,
Lalgudi Police Station,
Lalgudi,
Trichy District.
(In C.No.206 of 2025).

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Joel Paul Antony
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.206 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 petitioner on 24.04.2025 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioner / Accused No.2 apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 118(1) and 351(3) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.206 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 13.04.2025 at about 10.45 pm, during the time of temple festival, Ariyur Karuppu Kovil Backside, the petitioner herein attacked the defacto complainant with hands and also abused him in filthy language. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.A.Joel Paul Antony, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person, and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide any conditions to be imposed by this Court. He therefore prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, M.K.Sanjai Gandhi, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that it is a case in counter and the injured was discharged from the hospital. He further submits that the



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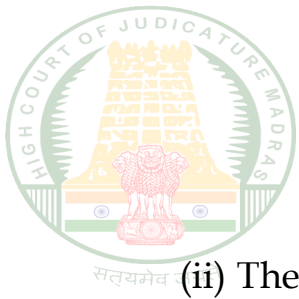
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investigation of the case is still pending and therefore, at this stage, if pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner, he may cause threat to the defacto complainant and witnesses. Accordingly, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

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

7. Considering the fact that it is a case in counter and the injured was discharged from the hospital, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary in this case. The petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society. Therefore, there is less possibility for absconding. Considering the above, and also considering the nature of offences allegedly committed by the petitioner and taking note of the fact that the injured was discharged from the hospital and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions.

(i) The petitioner shall be released on bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Lalgudi, Trichy 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) 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, Lalgudi, Trichy District.



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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, Lalgudi, Trichy District shall obtain a copy of any one identity proof of each surety to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent - Police daily at 10.00 am until further orders.

(iv) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by police as and when required.

(v) The petitioner 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.

(vi) The petitioner shall not leave India without the prior permission of the Court.

(vii) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly cause any threat to the defacto complainant and the witnesses, and shall also not tamper with the evidence.

(viii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the learned Judicial Magistrate, Lalgudi, Trichy District.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate, Lalgudi, Trichy District or the Trial Judge as the case may be is entitled



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to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the
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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]*.

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

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Sub-Assistant Registrar
(C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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1. The Judicial Magistrate, Lalgudi, Trichy District,
2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Trichy District.
3. The Inspector of Police, Lalgudi Police Station, Lalgudi, Trichy District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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