



CRL OP(MD). No.8088 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 30/04/2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. SAKTHIVEL

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1. Sithanathan
2. Boopathi

...Petitioners/ Accused rank not known

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep.By, the Inspector of Police,
Thuvakudi Police Station,
Trichy District.
(Crime No.222 of 2025).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.K.M.Karunakaran
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.M. Karunanithi
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.222 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent Police.



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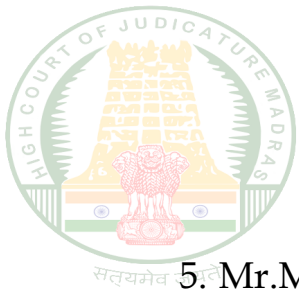
WEB COPY ORDER: The Court made the following order :-

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioners on 28.04.2025 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 and 2 apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, r/w. Section 21(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.222 of 2025 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent – Police was on patrolling duty, they found that the petitioners herein were illegally excavating and transporting 3 units of gravel sand by using a vehicle without a valid licence. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.K.M.Karunakaran, the learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed 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. He therefore prays for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.



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5. Mr.M.Karunanithi, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners and both the vehicle and minerals were seized. 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. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that both the vehicle and minerals were seized, this Court is of the view that 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 taking note of the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners, and with a view to give an opportunity 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 VI, Tiruchyrappalli, within a period of 15 days from date on which the order copy is



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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 No.VI, Trichy.

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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 No.VI, Trichy, 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 am 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 them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

(vi) The petitioners shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

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



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(viii) The petitioners shall furnish their residential address and mobile number to the learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Trichy.

(ix) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Trichy or the Trial Judge 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]*.

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

Sd/-

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Trichy.

2. Do-Through The Chief Judicial Magistrate,
Trichy District.



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3. The Inspector of Police,
Thuvakudi Police Station,
Trichy District.

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

+1 CC to M/s.K.M.KARUNAKARAN, Advocate (SR-5241[I] dated 30/04/2025)

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