



CRL OP(MD). No.16430 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26.09.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. Anand Sathish

2. S.Sunitha

3. Madhavan

4. Rajesh Kannan

5. K.Santhanakumar

... Petitioners/A-1 to 5

Versus

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thirunagar Police Station,
Madurai City.
(Crime No.442 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Jegadeesh Pandian

For Respondent : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad
Government Advocate (Crl. side)



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PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.442 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 191(2), 329(3), 324(5), 296(b), 118(1), 351(2), 303(2) (NP) of BNS and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, in Crime No.442 of 2025, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, due to previous enmity arising out of business, the petitioners attacked the defacto complainant, one Gowtham, and certain female staff members using wooden logs, damaged the materials and further threatened them with dire consequences. It is alleged that the petitioners also looted the CCTV footage along with the storage drive. During the occurrence, one Sunitha, who was present at the scene, is said to have threatened the defacto complainant with dire consequences. Hence, the complaint.



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3. 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. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petitioners had caused damage to the materials belonging to the defacto complainant, valued at approximately Rs.80 lakhs. He further submitted that the investigation is still in progress.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the nature of allegation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, this Petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this



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order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) each, to the credit of Crime No.442 of 2025 before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Madurai. After receipt of entire amount, the learned Judicial Magistrate, shall deposit the said amount in an interest bearing Fixed Deposit in any Nationalized Bank initially for a period of one year and renew them periodically until the final order/Judgment is passed in the case in Crime No.442 of 2025. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment.



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(c) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation. They have to co-operate for the investigation;

(d) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(f) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/ Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*; and;

(g) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS 2023.

(S S Y J)
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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.VI,
Madurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thirunagar Police Station,
Madurai City.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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