



CRL OP(MD). No.17488 of 2025

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**( Criminal Jurisdiction )**

**Date : 15.10.2025**

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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C.J.Hemanth

... Petitioner/ Accused No. 1

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,  
Rep by the Forest Range Officer,  
Periyakulam Forest Range,  
Camp at Sothuparai.  
(STOR No.3 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.R.R.Subramanian

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj  
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

**PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS**

**PRAYER :-**

For Anticipatory Bail in STOR No.3 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4 and 6 of Tamil Nadu Rosewood Tress (Conservation) Act, 1994, and Section 35-B, 55 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1982 and Section 3, 7 and 10 of Tamil Nadu Timber Transit Rules, 1968, in STOR No.3 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that during the inspection at A.H. Farms, it was found that two standing and tow fallen rosewood trees were sold to P.Muthaiah for Rs.33,000/- by the petitioner and others on 28.09.2025. The trees were cut using a power saw and transported to Muthaiah's house. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the land and the allegations against the petitioner is that he had cut rosewood trees. Therefore, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the nature of offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, this Petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Periyakulam, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) 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



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further conditions that:

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(a) the petitioner 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of one week and thereafter, as and when required.. He has to co-operate for the investigation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(e) 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;



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(f) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Periyakulam.

2. The Forest Range Officer,  
Periyakulam Forest Range,  
Camp at Sothuparai.

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



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**S.SRIMATHY,J.**

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