



CRL OP(MD). No.17999 of 2025

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

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Date : 16.10.2025

PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Sethu Mani

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep, by, the Inspector of Police,
Pappakudi Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.176 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathya Chidambaram

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.176 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 192, 352, 353(2) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.176 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner posted an instagram status with an intention to provoke, intimidate and create communal tension between two groups, thereby disturbing public peace. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner and the petitioner is a college student. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and since the petitioner is a student, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Alangulam, Tenkasi District, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and on further conditions that:

[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 Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner is directed to remove the said post from instagram and also file an affidavit stating that he will not upload such posting in digital media in future;

[c] the petitioner shall report before the Dean, High Ground Government Hospital, Tirunelveli at 5.30 p.m., and do social service in the said hospital for a period of one week and thereafter, the petitioner shall report before the respondent police in the evening at 5.30 p.m, for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required;

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;



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[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 petitioner is 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];

[f]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

- 1.The learned Judicial Magistrate, Uthamapalayam.
- 2.The Dean, High Ground Government Hospital, Tirunelveli.
- 3.The Inspector of Police, Pappakudi Police Station,Tirunelveli District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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