



CRL OP(MD). No.17762 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 15.10.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1.Arocikadoss

2.Jacqueline Selvi

... Petitioners/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By The Inspector of Police,
Forest Range Office,
Periyakulam,
Theni District.
(STOR No.4 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.J.Vishnu
Advocate.

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.4 of 2025 on the file of
the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 35B and 55 of the Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882, Rules 2, 3, 7 and 10 of the Tamil Nadu Timber Transit Rules, 1968 and Rules 7, 8 and 13 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood-Based Industries Rules, 2010 in STOR No.4 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with Accused No.1, cut the teak trees from the private patta lands and transported them to a sawmill without obtaining valid permission. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they are no way connected with the alleged occurrence as stated by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seek anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the Judicial Magistrate Court, Periyakulam, Theni District, on condition that each of 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 the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the Judicial Magistrate Court, Periyakulam, Theni District, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond



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and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) 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;

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

(d) the petitioners 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 petitioners 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;

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



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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate Court, Periyakulam, Theni District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Forest Range Office,
Periyakulam, Theni District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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