



CRL OP(MD). No.19450 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 05.11.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Forest Range Officer,
Andipatti Forest Range Office,
Theni District.

(WLOR No.04 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Vishnu

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in WLOR.No.04 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.09.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 2, 39, 40(1)(2), 49(A), 49(B)(1), 50, 51(1) and 57 of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 (as amended in 2022), in WLOR No.04 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police. seeks bail.

2. The prosecution's case is that the petitioner, along with other accused persons, was found in possession of Pangolin shells weighing 1.140 kgs. 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 and he is in judicial custody from 16.09.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner and the property has been recovered. However, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the property has been recovered and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on executing 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, Andipatti, and on further conditions that :-

[a] 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 as and when required for interrogation.



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[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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 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 BNS.

(S S Y J)
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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate,
Andipatti.
2. The Superintendent, Sub Jail,
Thekkampatti, Theni District.
3. The Forest Rang Officer,
Andipatti Forest Range Office,
Theni District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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