



CRL OP(MD). No.20266 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 17/11/2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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... Petitioner

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu  
Rep. by the Forest Range,  
Rajapalayam Forest Range,  
Mehamalai Tiger Sanctuary,  
Virudhunagar District.  
(W.L.O.R. No.14 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.D. Rajaboopathy

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in W.L.O.R.No.14/2025 on the file of  
the Forest Ranger, Rajapalayam Forest Range, Mehamalai Tiger  
Sanctuary, Virudhunagar District.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 2(1), 2(11), 2(14), 2(16), 2(20), 2(36), 2(37), 9, 39, 44, 49 A, 49 B, 50, 51, 52 & 57 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in W.L.O.R. No.14 of 2025 on the file of the Forest Ranger, Rajapalayam Forest Range, Mehamalai Tiger Sanctuary, Virudhunagar District, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners and other accused persons were found in illegal possession of deer meat with A7 & A8. Upon seeing the forest officials, A7 & A8 tried to escape from the scene of occurrence and other accused ran away from the scene of occurrence. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution, and he has been falsely implicated in this case. 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 for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner has no previous cases. He further submitted that A7 & A8 were already arrested and released on bail. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that already A7 & A8 were arrested and released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

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, Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar 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



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and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

**[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;**

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with the 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 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]; and

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

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- 1.The Judicial Magistrate,  
Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District,
- 2.The Inspector of Police,  
Rajapalayam Forest Range,  
Mehamalai Tiger Sanctuary,  
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
Madurai.



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**S.SRIMATHY,J**

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