



CRL OP(MD). No.20980 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 21.11.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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R.Vijayakumar

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
CSCID Madurai,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.237 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Sudha Sathyanandh

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.237 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 4(1)(a), 3(1)(c) of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order 2000 and 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.237 of 2025, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that A-2 and A-3 had illegally transferred domestic gas to commercial cylinders for higher sale under the instructions of A-1 and the cylinders and motor were seized. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that A-2 and A-3 have already been arrested and released on bail. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police submitted that A-2 and A-3 had illegally transferred domestic gas to commercial cylinders for higher sale under the instructions of A-1 and the cylinders and motor were seized. 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 No.III, Madurai District, 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 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 make a non refundable deposit of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the Headmaster, Masathiyar Cor. Higher Secondary School, Vaikkolkara Theru, Chinnakadai Veethi, South Gate, Madurai, Central Bank of India, South Gate Branch, Account No.P.T.A.FUND SB.1833321714, IFSC No.CBIN0281503, MICR Code: 625016004, without prejudice to his contentions and rights before the trial Court. On such deposit being made, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner.

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m until further orders;

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

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



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(f) 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;

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

(S S Y J)
21.11.2025

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.III,
Madurai District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
CSCID Madurai,
Madurai District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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