



CRL OP(MD). No.22479 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16.12.2025

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1.Juliet Lissy
2.Joel Nixon
3.Jerome Arockiya Raj ... Petitioners / A1 to A3

Versus

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
City Crime Branch,
Trichy City.
(Crime No.30 of 2025) ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Leninkumar,
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

For Intervener : Mr.S.Ramanathan,
Advocate

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.30 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 petitioners/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) and 351(3) of the BNS, 2023 (Corresponding to the provisions under Sections 406, 420 and 506(ii) of IPC), seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 22.11.2025, one Mujibur Rahman, S/o. Pakeer Ahamed, lodged a complaint before the respondent police stating that he is the proprietor of *Asian Book House*, having a shop at Chennai. The petitioners represented to the defacto complainant that they were running a distributorship of stationery items in the name and style of *Mariya Distributors* and that they were proposing to secure Government contracts for the supply of stationery items involving huge amounts. Believing the said representations, the defacto complainant invested a sum of Rs.60,00,000/- in the petitioners' business. After receipt of the said amount, the petitioners neither repaid the principal amount nor paid any interest thereon. Thus, by making false promises, the petitioners received a sum of Rs.60,00,000/- from the defacto complainant and thereby cheated him. Hence, the case.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. He further submitted that the petitioners are undertaking to deposit a sum of Rs.50,00,000/-. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondent police, submitted that the petitioners are cheated the defacto complainant for a huge sum of money. Therefore, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also the undertaking given by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, this Petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Trichy, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) each 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:

(a) the petitioners 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 petitioners are directed to deposit a total sum of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) to the credit of Crime No.30 of 2025 before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Trichy. The said amount shall be deposited in five instalments of Rs.10,00,000/- each, viz., the first instalment on the date of producing sureties; the second instalment on or before 02.02.2026; the third instalment on or before 02.03.2026; the fourth instalment on or before 02.04.2026;



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and the fifth instalment on or before 04.05.2026. After receipt of entire amount, the learned Judicial Magistrate, shall deposit the said amount in an interest bearing Fixed Deposit in any Nationalized Bank initially for a period of one year and renew them periodically until the final order/Judgment is passed in the case in Crime No.30 of 2025. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment.

[c] 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. They have to co-operate for the investigation.

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

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

(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



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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.

7. List the matter on 01.06.2026 for reporting compliance.

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16.12.2025
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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate Court No.I,
Trichy.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
City Crime Branch,
Trichy City.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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