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Crl.O.P.No.531 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP No.531 of 2026

Santhosh S/o.Settu

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Jalakandapuram Police Station,
Salem District.

(Crime No.340 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 531, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.340 of
2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Reshma

For Respondent : M/s.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS Act, 531, and r/w 21(1) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.340 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The allegation against this petitioner is that, the petitioner joined hands with the other accused and involved in illegal quarrying and transportation of two units of gravel sand using lorry and hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and has not involved in any of the offence as alleged and is ready to co-operate with the investigation and also ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, hence sought for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent while opposing the anticipatory bail to the petitioner reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioner along with the co-accused illegally transported the two units of gravel sand.

5. Considering the submissions made on both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of this case, gravity of offence, nature and quantity involved in this case and considering the fact



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that huge quantity of the river sand has been transported by the petitioner, and cause damage to river bed and ecology, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, this criminal original petition stands dismissed.

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To

1. The Principal Sessions Judge, Salem.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Jalakandapuram Police Station,
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(Crime No.340 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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