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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.1060 of 2026

1.Dr.S.G.Suryah
2.Bharathi Kannan
3.Vignesh
4.Padmanaban

... Petitioners

Versus

The State rep by its,
The Inspector of Police,
G-1, Vepery Police Station,
Chennai.
(Crime No.11 of 2026)

.. Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.11 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.KP.Ananthakrishna
for Mr.Abhilash Gopinathan

For Respondent : Mr.J.Ravindran, AAG
assisted by Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest by the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 189(3), 296(b), 115(2), 74, 79, 351(3) of BNS r/w 4 of TNPHW Act, in Crime No.11 of 2026 registered on

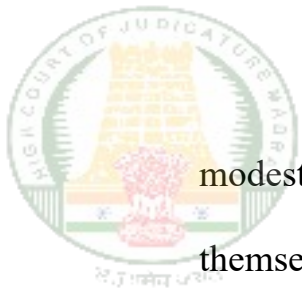


the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. ⌚ The allegation against the petitioners is that they allegedly participated in a TV debate programme organised by a political party and that, during the said programme, the petitioners, headed by A1 surrounded the victim lady, assaulted her with hands and legs, pulled her saree, and thereby outraged her modesty. Hence the case has been registered against the petitioners.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that there are video clippings to show that the petitioners was surrounded by political party members for their protection, as they were being attacked by other persons. He further submitted that the programme was organised in the presence of the police, who were deployed to provide security to all concerned. He further submitted that only a minor quarrel took place, which has been given a criminal colour with the help of the police. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to cooperate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that it is not only the case of attacking the victim, but also the case of the outraging the



modesty of the victim. He further submitted that the petitioners claim themselves to be political party leaders required to behave properly in public places and that granting anticipatory bail would encourage them to indulge in similar offence. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6. On perusal of the FIR and other connected materials, this Court finds that the incident appears to be a quarrel between the parties in the presence of the several members of the different political parties, and also press persons, and that video clippings relating to the occurrence are also available. Therefore, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not necessary for the purpose of investigation. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the *learned II Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai*, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of



Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only), each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police, daily at 5.30 p.m., for a period of one week and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

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

(d) the petitioners 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 petitioners 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;



(f) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1.The II Metropolitan Magistrate,
Egmore, Chennai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
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3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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