



Crl.O.P.No.1189 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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1.G.Gopi

2.R.Pandiyan

... Petitioners/A1 & A2

Vs.

The State of T.N.(Reps. by the Inspector of Police),

Chinna Salem Police Station,

Kallakurichi District.

(Crime No.533 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of arrest pending investigation in Crime No.533 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.Babu Varadharajan

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana,

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence **under Section 303(2) BNS r/w.21(1) MMDR Act in Crime No.533 of 2025**, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioners is that the petitioners illegally



quarrying 3 units of gravel sand from the Poondy lake in a Tipper Lorry.

Hence, a case has been registered.

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3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that they are ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the investigation in this case is still pending and no previous bad antecedents have been registered against them. However, she opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case; taking note of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side); and though it is reported that no previous bad antecedents have been registered against the petitioners, the petitioners have illegally quarried the sand from the Poondy lake and this Court is not inclined to entertain the same. Since the



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petitioners caused damage to the ecology and water body, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To

1.The Station House Officer,
Vikravandi Police Station,
Vikravandi, Villupuram District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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