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Crl.O.P.No.1888 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

CRL OP No.1888 of 2026

Kuppan S/o.Chinnathambi

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Chengam Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No. 407 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleased to enlarge the petitioner on
anticipatory bail in the event of arrest by the respondent in Crime No.407 of
2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. Balamurugan Paramanayagam

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, 2023, r/w 21(5) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.407 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 three cubic metres of gravel sand from Puthupettai lake in Tiruvannamalai district, 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 not involved in the alleged offence 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 gravel sand from puthupettai lake and has one previous case of similar in nature.

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



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6. Considering the facts and circumstances of this case, gravity of offence, nature and quantity involved in this case and considering the fact that huge quantity of the lake sand has been transported by the petitioner, and cause damage to lake 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 Judicial Magistrate, Chengam,
Tiruvannamalai District.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Chengam Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No. 407 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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