



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.2413 of 2026

1.Veerammal
2.Selvi
3.Kanaga

... Petitioners

-VS-

State Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Jalakadnapuram Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.10 of 2026)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in Crime No.10 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Muthukumarasamy

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioners were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 11.01.2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 189(2), 189(3), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 329(3), 296(b), 324(4), 351(3) of BNS and Section 3(1) of



TNPPDL Act, in Crime No.10 of 2026, registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioners is that they joined hands with other accused involved in trespassing and damaging the properties worth about Rs.1 lakh. The damaged properties includes various types of trees, household articles, electronic items and CCTV cameras. Hence, a complaint has been registered and the petitioners were arrested.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners, being ladies, had only protested against the illegal acts allegedly committed by the defacto complainant and that they did not damage any property and that they ready to co-operate with the investigation. He further submitted that the petitioners are in judicial custody since 11.01.2026. Hence, he prays to grant bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally 21 accused in this case and the petitioners are arrayed as A11, A14 and A17 and that the petitioners were arrested and that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposed to grant bail to the petitioners.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the nature of the allegations, the fact that the petitioners are ladies, and also considering the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to



grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), each to the credit of Crime Number 10 of 2026 and on such deposit and on receipt of proof of payment, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a separate bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** each with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.II, Mettur**, and on further conditions 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 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness 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



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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];

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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Note:

1. Registry is directed to forthwith upload this order in the Official Website of this Court.
2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded in Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order when uploaded in the official website of this Court will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Mettur.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Jalakadnapuram Police Station,
Salem District.

3.The Superintendent,
Women Sub Jail, Salem.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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