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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 09-02-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR**

**CRL OP No. 2973 of 2026**

1. G.Sathiyamoorthy
2. M.Sathiyamoorthy

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State of Tamilnadu rep by the Forest Range Officer  
Forest Range Officer,  
Thiruvarur Police Station,  
Thiruvarur District  
WLOR No.05 of 2025

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 483 of BNSS to enlarge the petitioner on bail in WLOR No.05 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Johnson Yuvaraj

For Respondent(s): Ms.A.Gopinath, Govt. Advocate (Crl.Side)

### **ORDER**

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 2(2), 9, 39, 50, 51 of Wildlife Protection Amendment Act, 2022 in WLOR.No.05 of 2025 on the file



of the respondent police, seeks bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the defacto complainant hunted three Monitar lizard (Udumbu), which is protected under Wildlife Protection Act. Hence, the present complaint was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case and was in judicial custody since 19.12.2025. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution's case and submitted that the investigation in this case is pending and if the petitioner is released on bail, he will hamper the investigation and prayed for dismissal of the bail petition.

5. Considering the nature of allegation levelled against the petitioner; period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner and since further custody of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.



6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Tiruvarur** 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 petitioner 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 petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with 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 against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

- 1.The Forest Range Officer  
Forest Range Office,  
Thiruvarur Police Station,  
Thiruvarur District.
2. The Judicial Magistrate, Tiruvarur.
3. The District Prison, Nagapattinam.
4. The Public Prosecutor,  
High Court of Madras.



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**K.RAJASEKAR, J.**

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