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Crl.O.P.No.3507 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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1.Sithan
2. Pappathi

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
Edapadi Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No.35 of 2026

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.35 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Muruganantham
For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The petitioners herein apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 194 of BNSS (Section 174 of Cr.P.C) and subsequently altered into Section 108 of BNS (Section 306 of IPC) in Crime No.35 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the deceased in this case is the wife of A1. It is alleged that, A1 along with the petitioners forced her to do various kinds of work and also threatened her, unable to bear the harassment, victim committed suicide by hanging. Hence, the case was registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are in-laws of the deceased and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that A1 in this case is the main accused and he has been arrested and released on bail . He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the petitioners are also used to harass the deceased and it is a case of suicide. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the nature of allegation and the fact that the A1 in this case has been arrested and released on bail and also considering the overtact attributed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate at Edapadi** on condition that the petitioners shall execute 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 Magistrate concerned, and on further condition that:

[a] if the petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of ten days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;



[b] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m., for a period of one week and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

[d] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the aforementioned 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)13 SCC 283]**;

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

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To

1. Judicial Magistrate at Edapadi

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



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