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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

CRL.O.P.No.3963 of 2026

Shankar

... Petitioner

Versus

The State rep by its,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Nemili Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.23 of 2026)

.. Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.23 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Manimaran

For Respondent : Mr.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest by the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 326(a), 303(2) of BNS Act, in Crime No.23 of 2026 registered on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. ⌚ The allegation against the petitioner is that while he was illegally transporting three bags of river sand weighing about 93 kgs from the Kossasthalaiyar river, on seeing the police patrol party, he fled from the scene of occurrence. Hence a case has been registered against the petitioner.

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. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the quantity involved is huge quantity and that the petitioner has no previous case pending against him. Hence, she opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of allegations, the quantity involved is a huge quantity, and considering the fact that the petitioner is not only



illegally quarried river sand but also caused damage to the ecology and river bed, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1.The Sub Inspector of Police,
Nemili Police Station,
Vellore District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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K.RAJASEKAR, J.

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