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Crl.OP.No.4924 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

Crl.O.P.No.4924 of 2026

1.Prem Ananth Raja
2.Raji
3. Ravi @ Ravichandran
4. Dinakaran
5. Balaji

... Petitioners

Vs.

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
T-1, Ambattur Police Station,
Chennai.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest pending investigation in Cr.No.64 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Muruganantham

For Respondent : Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 126(2), 296(b), 115(2), 74 and 351(1) of BNS Act (341, 294(b),
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323, 354 and 503 of IPC) and Section 4 of TNPWH Act in Cr.No.64 of 2026 , on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner is running a provisional store in which the victim girl was employed at the billing counter. It is alleged that the victim girl had misappropriated certain amounts of money and, with a view to recover the same, the petitioners, acting in concert, illegally confined her in a room, assaulted her with hands and legs, and also sexually molested her. Thereafter, they released her. After being released from their custody, she went to the hospital and took treatment. Subsequently, she lodged a complaint. Hence, the present petition has been filed by the petitioners seeking anticipatory bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the complaint has been lodged as a counterblast to the alleged misappropriation. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to cooperate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and produced a copy of the Accident Register, wherein it is revealed that the victim had sustained injuries. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the nature of the allegations, the manner in which the occurrence is alleged to have taken place, and the other surrounding circumstances, and though it is stated that the first petitioner is involved in one previous case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made, before the learned ***Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur*** on condition that each of the petitioners shall execute separate bonds for a sum of **Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)** **with two sureties** each for a like sum to the satisfaction learned Magistrate



concerned, and on further condition that:

(a) If the petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) 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 identify proofs to ensure their identity;

(c) The petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]***;

(e) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

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2. The Inspector of Police,
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3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras, Chennai 600 104.



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