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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 13-03-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

**CRL OP No. 6596 of 2026**

Govindan  
S/o.Perumal,  
No.3, Manavaram,  
Tiruvannamalai District-604601.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State By,  
The Inspector of Police,  
Vettavalam Police Station,  
Thiruvannamalai District.  
Crime No.164 of 2025

..Respondent(s)

**PRAYER :** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on Bail in the event of Arrest in Crime No.164 of 2025, on the file of the Inspector of Police, Vettavalam Police Station, Thiruvannamalai District and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.Silambu Selvan S

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Dhileepan  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

### **ORDER**

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act**, in **Crime No.164 of 2025**, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of 1 ½ units of jelly in a lorry without any valid permit or licence. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was innocent and he has not committed any such offence as alleged by the defacto complainant and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that this is the second anticipatory bail petition and the earlier petition was dismissed by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.32433 of 2025 dated 27.11.2025; and that the petitioner is ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that one previous case has been registered against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent.



6. This Court views the offence of theft of natural resources and its exploitation as a serious offence. However, taking into consideration of the fact that though the petitioner has one previous case, the same does not arise out of Mines and Minerals Act, and upon the fond hope that he would mend himself in future and would not come under the adverse notice of the respondent, this Court is inclined to enlarge him on anticipatory bail subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate, Kilpennathur**, on condition that **the petitioner 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 conditions:

(a) If the petitioner 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 petitioner shall sign before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30 p.m., for a period of four 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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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 petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Kilpennathur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,  
Vettavalam Police Station,  
Thiruvannamalai District.  
Crime No.164 of 2025
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras,  
Chennai.



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**C.KUMARAPPAN, J.**

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