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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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V.Manigandan
No.329, Kalathu Mettu Street,Aagaram,
Vinnamangalam Village,
Arni Taluk,Tiruvannamalai District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
Arni Taluk Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No. 737 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. 737 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police station and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.E.Sathiyaraj Elangovan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2), 326(a) of BNS Act and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulations) Act, 1957, in Crime No.737 of 2025, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



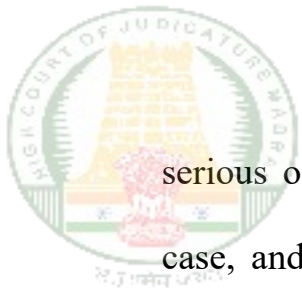
2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was illegally quarried three units of river sand by using tipper lorry. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that this is the second anticipatory bail. He further submitted that the co-accused was released on bail. He further submitted that the petitioner is not the owner of the vehicle and that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought anticipatory bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that no 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. From the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) it is seen that the petitioner has no bad antecedents. Though, this Court views the offence of theft of natural resources and its exploitation as



serious offence, taking into consideration of the fact that he has no previous case, and upon the fond hope that he would mend themselves 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 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 is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate, Arni, Tiruvannamalai District**, 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 learned 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 deposit a sum of Rs.1,30,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Thirty Thousand only) as a non-refundable amount, to the Tamilnadu State Legal Services**



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Authority, High Court of Madras and produce the receipt at the time of executing the bond;

(d) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am and 5.30 pm. for a period of six weeks and thereafter as and when required;

(e) 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];

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

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Arni.

2. The Inspector of Police
Arni Taluk Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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