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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Arul
2. Jayakumar
3. Poovarasan
4. Sankar
5. Deepak
6. Vijayalakshmi

..Petitioners

Vs

State rep.by,
The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet. Crime No.188/2024.

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.188/2024 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners:

Mr.F.Dominic Sunil

For Respondent:

Mr.P.Dhileepan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 147, 341, 294(b), 323 and 506(1) in Crime No.188 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that on 19.04.2024, while the victim, Sivaprakash, was returning home after casting his vote, the petitioners waylaid him and attacked him on the neck and head. Hence, the present case was registered.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case. It is submitted that the occurrence took place on 19.04.2024, yet the complaint was lodged only on 22.04.2024. The learned counsel further contended that the alleged injuries are simple in nature and no weapons were used; therefore, custodial interrogation is unnecessary. It is also submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that injured was hospitalized for eight day. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the Petitioners.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.



6. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for both sides, it is seen that the petitioners waylaid the victim and attacked him on the neck and head. Though serious, considering the nature of the allegations, the date of occurrence that is on 19.04.2024 and at this length of time, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Hence, 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 is made ready, before the **learned District Munsif - Cum Judicial Magistrate, Ranipet**, on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a bond each 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 petitioners 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;



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(c) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m. for a period of two 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 petitioners thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station, Ranipet.

2. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.

3. The District Munsif - Cum Judicial Magistrate, Ranipet.



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