



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 7265 of 2026

Kannadasan
S/o.Kali,
No.57, Ponniyamman Kovil Vattam,
Kodumampalli,
Tirupathur District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep.by,
The Forst Ranger Officer,
FRO, Tirupattur,
Tirupattur District.
(STOR No.06 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 his arrest in STOR.No. 06 of 2025 on the file of the the Forest Ranger Omcer, FRO, Tirupattur, Tirupattur District

For Petitioner(s): Vinodh Kumar

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

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 35-(b)(d), 35-A & B(a), 41-(1)(2)(3)(a)(b), 49-A(1)(2), 3(a)(b), 51, 56, 56-E of TN Forest Vth Act in STOR No.06 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police



seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, along with other accused was involved in the illegal smuggling of red sandal wood – 29 nos. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that there are no bad antecedents against the petitioner. He further submitted that the A1 was granted bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.27341 of 2025 dated 03.10.2025 and A3 was granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.28969 of 2025 dated 03.11.2025. Therefore, he prays for grant of 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 property has already been recovered. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also perused the records available.



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6. Considering the above factual position and taking note of the fact that, at this stage, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner 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-II, Tirupattur**, on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.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 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-II, Tirupattur.
2. The Forst Ranger Officer,
FRO, Tirupattur,
Tirupattur District.
(STOR No.06 of 2025)
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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