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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 09-04-2026**

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

**CRL OP No. 8023 of 2026**

Umapathi Srinivasan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep. By,  
The Inspector of Police,  
Ariyoor Police Station,  
Vellore District.  
(Crime.No.204/2025)

..Respondent(s)

Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in the case in Crime No.204 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent and thus render Justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.C.Deepak Kumar

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

### **ORDER**

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 303(2) and 326(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) Act, 2023 in Crime No.204 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

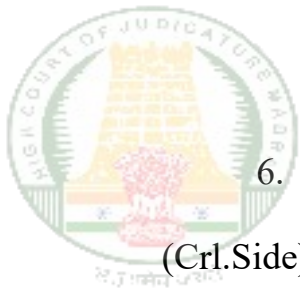


2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of 1½ units of loamy soil, by using JCB and a Tractor-Trailer without any valid permit or licence and that the petitioner was caught red handed by the respondent police. Hence, the case.

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 he is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and he 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 no previous cases have 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) the petitioner does not have any previous cases. 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 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 Court No.1, Ariyoor, 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 is directed to make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.1,60,000/- [Rupees One Lakh Sixty Thousand only] directly to the credit of “Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, High Court Campus, Chennai”, without prejudice to the right of the defence before the Trial Court and the receipt shall be produced 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 four weeks and thereafter as and when required;

(3) 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 Court No.I, Ariyoor.
- 2.The Inspector of Police, Ariyoor Police Station, Vellore District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras, Chennai.
- 4.The Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, High Court Campus, Chennai



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