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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Muthurasan
2. Mohana
3. Ilamparithi
4. Anjalai
5. Jeevitha

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Ariyalur
(Crime No. 15 of 2026)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS Act, pleaded to enlarge the petitioners on Bail in the event of their arrest pending investigation in Crime No.15 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police and thus render Justice.

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.M.Sankar
For Respondent(s):	Mr.P.Dhileepan
	Government Advocate (Criminal side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections Sections 296 (b), 115 (2), 85 and 351 (2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.15 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner is the husband of defacto-complainant and the other petitioners are her in-laws. It is alleged that during her matrimonial life, the petitioners harassed the defacto-complainant using filthy language and treated her with cruelty by interfering in her married life. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they had been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the first petitioner has filed H.M.O.P.No.345 of 2026 before the I Additional Family Court, Chennai, which is posted for mediation on 16.04.2026. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that petitioners harassed the defacto-complainant by demanding dowry. He further submitted that occurrence took place on 21.10.2025 and the First Information Report was registered on 26.02.2026. Hence, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration, the nature of the allegations and the fact that the First Information Report was registered on 26.02.2026 for an occurrence that took place on 21.10.2025, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not necessary. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.



6. 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ariyalur**, on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/-each (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 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;

(c) The first, second and third petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am and 5.30 pm. for a period of two months and thereafter as and when required; The fourth and fifth petitioners shall report before the respondent Police as and when required;

(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 petitioner released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as



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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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