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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL.OP.No.8390 of 2026

Murugesan

...Petitioner

Vs

State represented by,
The Forest Ranger
Forest Range Office
Palacode
Dharmapuri District.
(WL.OR.No.1 of 2026)

...Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in WL.OR.No.1 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.J.Pradeep

For Respondent(s):

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence **under Sections 2(1), 2(16) (a,b,c), 3(35), 9, 39(1)(a)(d), 50(1), 51, 51(1-A) of Wild Life Protection Act**, in **WL.O.R.No.1 of 2026**, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent would strongly oppose the anticipatory bail application on the ground that the petitioner has dealt with hunting of endangered species and also involved in illegal hunting of wild animals, namely, monitor lizard and Indian hare using a country-made gun.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the co-accused released on bail, this Court is of the firm view that the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required, to know about the other involved in the crime, is justified. Such submission cannot be found fault with and apart from that, the petitioner has dealt with the endangered species which also have to be viewed seriously. Hence, this Court is of the view that the petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail.

4. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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To

1.The Forest Ranger
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2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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