



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 8246 of 2026

Akash
S/o. Munusamy,
Thekkavadi Village,
Chengam Taluk,
Tiruvannamalai District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep. by The Inspector of Police
Chengam Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.
Crime No.64/2026

..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 pending in Crime No.64/2026 on the file of Respondent Police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. S.L. Venkatesan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 303(2), 326(a) of BNS Act, r/w 21(5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulations) Act, 1957, in Crime No.64 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner illegally quarried 1/4 unit of river sand by using a bullock cart. Hence, the complaint.

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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and sought anticipatory bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the petitioner has one previous case and that it is a theft case. 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

6. From the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) it is seen that the petitioner has one previous case of theft and that this is the first case under the Mines and Minerals Act registered against him. Though, this Court views the offence of theft of natural resources and its



exploitation as serious offence, taking into consideration of the fact that the petitioner has one previous case under theft case, and upon the fond hope that he would mend themselves 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 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, Chengam, Tiruvannamalai District**, 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 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 daily at 10.30 am and 5.30 pm. for a period of six**



weeks and thereafter 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 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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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Chengam, Tiruvannamalai District.

2.The Inspector of Police
Chengam Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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