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Crl.O.P.No.9040 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Arul, S/o.Chinnasamy
 2. Mrs. Selvi, W/o.Chinnasamy
 3. Ramanathan, S/o.Lakshmanan
 4. Mrs.Magesh @ Mageshwari W/o.Ramanathan
 5. Lakshmanan, S/o.Narayanan
 6. Mrs.Periyamma, W/o.Lakshmanan
- ... Petitioners
- Vs.

The State
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Pennagaram,
Dharmapuri District.
(Crime no.9 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners 1 to 6/accused 1 to 6 on bail in the event of their arrest, in connection with a case in Crime No.9 of 2026 on the file of Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Krishnamoorthy

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

ORDER

The petitioners herein apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 9 and 10 of Prohibition of



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Child Marriage Act, 2006 and Sections 5(n), 5(l), 6(1), 7, 8, 16 and 17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, in Crime No.9 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners arranged a child marriage to the victim girl, who is aged about 14 years. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. It was further submitted that the petitioners are ready to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any other stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and strongly opposed this application on the ground that the petitioners arranged a child marriage to the victim girl. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the serious nature of the allegations against the petitioners, it is not the appropriate time to grant this anticipatory bail application.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original petition is dismissed.

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To

1. The Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station, Pennagaram, Dharmapuri District.
2. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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