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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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S.Williams
Dharmapuri

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Rep By, The Inspector of Police
Palacode PS,
Dharmapuri.
Crime No.26 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to grant Anticipatory bail in the event of arrest of the Petitioners in the Crime No.26 of 2026 by the Respondent Police pending investigation on the file of the Respondent and pass such further or other orders that this Honble Court deems fit for the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): M/s. MALATHI J

For Respondent(s): MR.P.DHILEEPAN,
GOVT.ADVOCATE (CRL SIDE)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 296(b), 118(1), 351(3) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No.26 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that, during the Pongal festival,

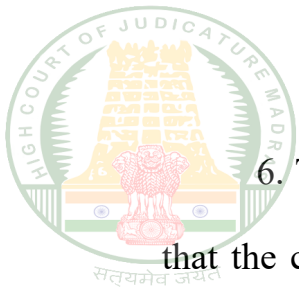


the petitioner along with other accused entered into the street armed with sticks and wooden logs, when the same was questioned by the defacto complainant, the petitioner and others abused the defacto complainant using filthy language and assaulted him with stick on his head and thereby caused serious injuries and also threatened him with dire consequences. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the co-accused has already been released on anticipatory bail in Crl.OP.3288 dated 11.02.2026. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that there are totally 95 accused and that the present petition is A9.. He further submitted that the occurrence took place on 17.01.2026 and the injured has already been discharged from the hospital. Hence, 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. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the co-accused has already been granted anticipatory bail, the injured has already been discharged from the hospital and the occurrence took place on 17.01.2026, at this length of time, no custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required,. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner 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, Palacode**, 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;



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(c) **The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.**

(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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DRL

To

1.The Judicial Magistrate,
Palacode.

2.The Inspector of Police
DharmapuriPalacode PS,
Dharmapuri.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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