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Crl.O.P.No.11879 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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1. C.Gnanasekaran

2. S.Manivasan

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Mahendramangalam Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
(Crime No.32 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.32 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.Sivaraman

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(3) of BNS r/w Section 4 of the Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act, 2003, in Crime No.32 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that the accused charged exorbitant interest on a loan obtained by the *de facto* complainant. It is further alleged that the accused abused and threatened the *de facto* complainant with dire consequences for non-payment of interest. Unable to bear the humiliation, the *de facto* complainant, attempted to commit suicide by consuming rat poison. Hence the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and a false complaint has been given against them by the *de facto* complainant for evading payment of the loan amount. He also submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners. He further submitted that the injured was discharged from hospital.



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5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and the nature of the allegation and the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) (Non-refundable)** to the credit of **CANCER INSTITUTE (WIA), Adayar, Savings Bank Account maintained at Andhra Bank, Madhya Kailash Branch, Cancer Institute(WIA), Dr.S.Krishnamurthi Campus, Sardar Patel Road, Chennai-36, bearing SB Account No.149710011005477, IFS Code No. ANDB0001497, MICR No.600011049**, and on such deposit and production of proof before the satisfaction Court, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Palacode, Dharmapuri**, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with**



two sureties, each for a like sum, to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required further interrogation;

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond during during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]*;



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[f] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR

can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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Note:

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2. All concerned to act on this order being uploaded on Official Website of this Court without insisting on certified hard copies. To be noted, this order, when uploaded on the official website of this Court, will be watermarked and will also have a QR code.

To

1. The Judicial Magistrate,
Palacode, Dharmapuri.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Mahendramangalam Police Station,
Dharmapuri District.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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