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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1. Maniyan
S/o. Palanisamy,
No.7/138, thaianur, seeliur,
Kalampalayam,
Coimbatore-641113.
2. Jeevanantham
2/35, Bilichigoundanoor, Seeliyur Via
Bujanganur, Mettupalayam, Coimbatore

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep By,
The Inspector of Police
Karamadai Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.185 of 2026)

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : To enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.185 of 2026 pending investigation on the file the respondent police and pass such other orders deems fit and proper for the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.N.Arunkumar

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

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehends arrest in the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of B.N.S. 2023 (under



Section 379 of IPC) r/w. Section 21(2) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act in connection with the case in Crime No.185 of 2026, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found to be in possession of 6 units of gravel sand in vehicle bearing Registration No. TN 40 AD 3807 and TN 40 T 6412. Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case and that the custodial interrogation is not required in this case and hence prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), per contra, would submit that the respondent police seized the sand and the vehicle, investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature and strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record.



6. Considering the nature of allegations, quantity and nature of minerals and the material objects were seized by the respondent police and since the custodial interrogation of the petitioners are not required for the purpose of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners on certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, 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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam** on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)**, 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 conditions that:

[a] the petitioners and 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.

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at **10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.**



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

[e] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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To

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3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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