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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.05.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

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Sathish @ Sathishkumar
S/o.Ramachandran

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Taluk Police Station,
Ranipet District,
Crime No.57 of 2026

...Respondent/
Complainant

PRAYER :- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 praying to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in Crime No.57 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.T.Vishnu
Advocate

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



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner on 18.05.2026 under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, praying to grant an order of pre-arrest bail.

2. The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent-police for the offences punishable under Sections 303 (2), 326(a) of BNS 2023 and Section 21 (1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.57 of 2026 on the file of the respondent-police.

3. The case of the prosecution is that, while the defacto complainant was patrolling they found 200 unit of Gravel sand dug out from 15 feet pit from the petitioner's land and on seeing the police the petitioner ran away. Hence, the case.

4. Mr.R.T.Vishnu, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any



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offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that the petitioner is the owner of the land and no previous case is pending against the petitioner. He however submits that the petitioner is ready to abide any conditions to be imposed by this Court. Accordingly, he prays to grant an order of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Gopinath, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent-police, submits that the petitioner has illegally excavated 200 units of *gravel sand* from 15 feet pit in his own land. He further submits that the petitioner herein is the owner of the land and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He further contends that the quantity of *gravel sand* involved in this offence is huge and if the pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner, he will commit similar type of offence and cause loss to wealth of the nation. Accordingly, he prays to dismiss this Criminal Original Petition.

6. Heard on both sides. This Court has perused the records.

7. Considering the fact that the petitioner illegally excavated gravel



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sand dug in his own land, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary. Further, the petitioner has permanent residence and deep roots in the society. Hence, there is less possibility of absconding. Considering the same and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the offence, the quantity of gravel sand excavated by the accused person and with a view to give an opportunity to the petitioner to reform himself, this Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, pre-arrest bail is granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner shall be released on pre-arrest bail in the event of his arrest or in the event of his surrender before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Arakkonam, within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) along with two sureties each for a like sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Arakkonam.

(ii) The sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the Application for Suretyship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Judicial



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Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of their identity proofs to ensure their identity.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear and sign before the respondent Police twice in a week i.e., on every Monday and Friday at 10.00 a.m. until further orders.

(iv) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

(v) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

(vi) The petitioner shall also not, directly or indirectly, cause any threat to the witnesses and shall not tamper the evidence.

(vii) The petitioner shall furnish his residential address and mobile number to the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Arakkonam.



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(viii) On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the

learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Judge, as the case may be, is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions are imposed by them as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005) 13 SCC 283]***.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed subject to the conditions stated *supra*.

21.05.2026
(RSVJ)

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- 2.Do Through the Chief Judicial Magistrate,
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- 3.The Inspector of Police,
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Ranipet District.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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