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Crl.O.P.No.13169 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1.Sangeetha
2.Rani
3.Chitra
4.Sukumaran
5.Vinothkumar
6.Deepak Kumar
7.Marappan
8.Natarajan

... Petitioners

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kalavi Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.85 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.85 of 2026 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.P.M.Jayachandran

For Respondent : Mrs.R.S.Indira,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

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The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 329(4), 296(b), 115(2), 118(1), 324(2) and 351(3) of BNS Act, 2023, in Crime No.85 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, due to a long-standing pathway dispute, the petitioners and other accused abused the de facto complainant in filthy language, assaulted him, abused him by referring to his caste name and threatened him with dire consequences. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and that they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed the anticipatory bail and would contend that,



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during the course of investigation, statements of 12 witnesses were recorded and none of them supported the prosecution case.

5. Taking into consideration of the totality of the circumstances and the fact that the statements of the witnesses recorded by the respondent police has not supported the prosecution case, this Court is of the firm view that, at this length of time, further custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Uthangarai**, on condition that the **petitioners shall execute a separate 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 petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days



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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;

(c) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m. and 05.30 p.m. for a period 30 days 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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 petitioners thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Uthangarai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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