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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Jeeva @ Srinivasan
2. Thangaraj

..Petitioners

Vs

State rep. by
The Inspector of Police
Veeranam Police Station,
Salem District
(Crime No.109 of 2026)

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail, in the event of his arrest, in Crime No. 109 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Veeranam Police Station, Salem District.

For Petitioners:

M.B.Vasudevan

For Respondent:

Mr.N.Palanivel
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections sections 7(1) and 7 (3) of Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998 in Crime No.109 of



2026 on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that 15 lotteries were recovered from one Ramana and these petitioners were wrongly arrayed as Accused based on the confession. However, the respondent police has shown these petitioners as absconding accused.

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

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the petitioners have no serious bad antecedents. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts that it is a case of banned lottery tickets of 17 in numbers, and that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents, this Court is of the firm view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners are not required for



the investigation. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

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6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on 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 is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.4, Salem District**, 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 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;

(c) **The petitioners shall report before the respondent Police, everyday 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the



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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 No.4,
Salem District

2. The Inspector of Police
Veeranam Police Station,
Salem District

3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras



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