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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 13966 of 2026

Naveen, S/o.Natraj,
D.No.69/A, ARV Layout,
Ondipudur,Coimbatore - 641 016.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

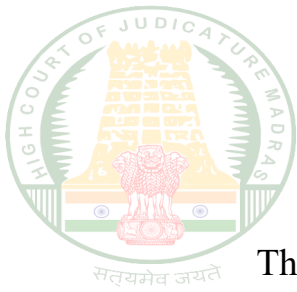
State Rep.by, The Inspector of Police,
Sulur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Cr.No.392/2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, To grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.392 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police, pending investigation

For Petitioner(s): Mr.N. Ponraj

For Respondent(s): Mr.N.Palanivel,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 21(1) of Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.392 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner had illegally transported 3 units of gravel sand by using a tipper lorry without any valid permit or licence. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was innocent and that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court and he is ready to co-operate for investigation. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that the petitioner is the owner-cum driver of the lorry and no



previous cases have been registered against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent.

6. From the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) the petitioner does not have any previous cases. Though, this Court views the offence of theft of natural resources and its exploitation as serious offence, taking into consideration of the fact that he has no previous case, and upon the fond hope that he would mend himself in future and would not come under the adverse notice of the respondent, this Court is inclined to enlarge him on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the ***learned Principal District Judge, Coimbatore***, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties



each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and
on further conditions:

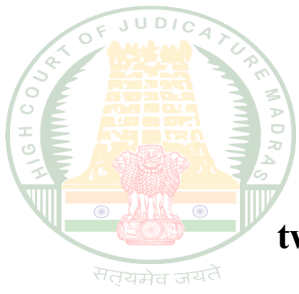
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(a) If the petitioner fails to surrender before the concerned learned Magistrate within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(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 petitioner/accused is directed to produce a demand draft for a sum of Rs.80,000/- (Rupees Eighty thousand only) in favour of the ‘The Chairman/District Collector, The District Mineral Foundation Trust of Coimbatore District’, (Non refundable) before the learned Principal District Judge, Coimbatore;**

(d) **On production of the above Demand Draft, the learned Magistrate is directed to take necessary steps to hand over the same to the District Collector. Upon receipt of the said amount, the District Collector shall realise and utilise the same strictly in accordance with law and in terms of G.O.Ms.No.84, Natural Resources (MMD.1) Department, dated 16.12.2025;**



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(e) The petitioner shall sign before the respondent police twice a day at 10.30 a.m., and 5.30 p.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;;

(f) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner 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]*;

(g) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The Principal District Judge, Coimbatore
2. The Inspector of Police, Sulur Police Station, Coimbatore..
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
4. The Chairman/District Collector,
The District Mineral Foundation Trust of Vellore District.



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