



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 14021 of 2026

N.Balamurugan
S/o.Nachimuthu,
No 35/11, Karunkalpatti,
Main Road No 3,
Salem- 636 006.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State Represented by The Inspector of Police
Mallur Police Station,
Salem District.
Crime No. 152/2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 152/2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. C.Elamurugan

For Respondent(s): MS.R.S.INDIRA,
GOVT.ADVOCATE (CRL.SIDE)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 296(B), 118(1) and 351(3) of BNSS, in Crime No.152 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the defacto complainant/injured is a mother-law of the petitioner and due to matrimonial discord between the petitioner and his wife, a wordy quarrel broke out, which subsequently escalated into an assault. It is further alleged that the petitioner assaulted the defacto complainant with a reaper log. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the alleged occurrence took place on 18.05.2026 and that the injured was discharged from the hospital on 23.05.2026. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also perused the records available.

6. Taking into consideration the relationship between the parties, namely



that the defacto complainant is the mother-in-law of the petitioner, the issues arising out of matrimonial discord, and the fact that the injured had already been discharged from the hospital on 23.05.2026, this Court is of the firm view, that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner 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 (15) days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.6, Salem Coimcombined Court** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a 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 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 slip (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;



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(c) **The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of one month 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 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]***;

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

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.6,
Salem Combined Court.

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

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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