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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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1. Rani
2. Jothi
3. M.Balakrishnan

..Petitioners

Vs

State represented by its
Inspector of Police,
Puduchatram P.S,
Namakkal District.
[Crime No.121 of 2026]

..Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to grant Anticipatory Bail to the Petitioner in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.121 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner:

Mr.A.P.Venkatkannan

For Respondent:

Ms.R.S.Indira

Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

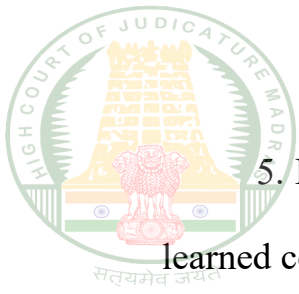
The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 9 and 10 of Child Marriage Act in Crime No.121 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that the de facto complainant and the petitioners herein are relatives. On 21.05.2026, the de facto complainant lodged a complaint against the petitioners alleging that her daughter (the victim girl) had developed a love affair with the son of the 2nd accused namely, Manikandan (A1). Consequently, the de facto complainant reprimanded both her daughter and the 1st accused, directing them to discontinue their relationship. Subsequently, the victim girl went missing. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted there are no serious allegations against the petitioners except for the fact that they are the relatives of the 1st accused. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the victim girl had addressed a letter to the respondent police. She further submitted that, as per the contents of the said letter, it is evident that there are no serious allegations against the petitioners. However, she opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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

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6. Considering the submissions of the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) and noting that there are no serious allegations against the petitioners, this Court is of the firm view that, at this length of time, the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Therefore, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions.

7. 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 Additional Mahila Court, Namakkal** 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 fail 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;



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(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, daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of fifteen days and thereafter as and when required for interrogation;

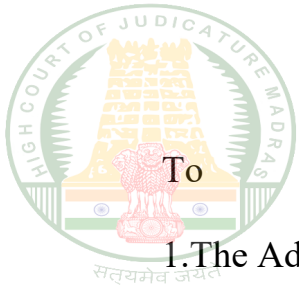
(d) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate actions against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners released on anticipatory bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself 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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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Additional Mahila Court, Namakkal.

2. Inspector of Police,
Puduchatram P.S,
Namakkal District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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