



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL OP No. 14720 of 2026

1. Thangavelu
S/o.Kandhapillai,
No.24/92,EB,central office road,
Mettur dam, Salem Disrtrict-636401.
2. Karthikeyan
S/o.Thangavelu,
No.24/92, EB, Central Office Road,
Mettur Dam, Salem District - 63640.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep. by Inspector of Police,
Mettur Police Station,
Salem District.
Cr.No.135 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

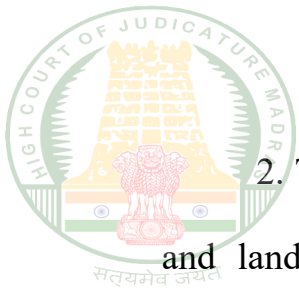
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, to grant the anticipatory bail in to the petitioners in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.135 of 2026 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.K.Komala

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

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 329(4), 351(2) of BNS, in Crime No.135 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seek anticipatory bail.

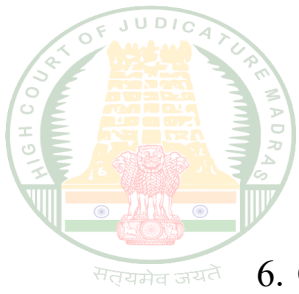


2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners, being father and son and landlords of the rental premises, allegedly trespassed into the rented property of the defacto complainant without prior intimation, locked the premises and criminally intimidated the defacto complainant when questioned. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the defacto complainant is a tenant under the petitioners and had failed to pay the agreed rent despite repeated demands, due to which a dispute arose between them, resulting in verbal altercations. He further submitted that the dispute between the parties is purely civil in nature. Hence, he seeks 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 being the landlords of the premises, had trespassed into the rented property and criminally intimidated the defacto complainant. Hence, she opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side.



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6. Considering the nature of the allegations and the fact that the dispute arisen out of landlord tenant relationship, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required. Hence, 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Mettur**, on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 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;

(c) **The petitioners shall report before the respondent Police as and when required for interrogation;**



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(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 No.I,
Mettur.

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

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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