



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

CRL OP No. 15042 of 2026

1. Pandurangan
2. Ramamoorthy
3. Paneer Selvam
4. Saravanan
5. Sambath
6. Govindhan @ Kulla Govindhan

..Petitioners

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Varanjaram Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.
Crime No.112 of 2026.

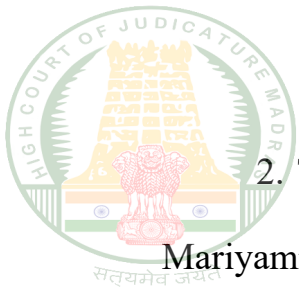
..Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.112 of 2026.

For Petitioner:	Mr.V. Gunasekar
For Respondent:	Mr.R.S.Indira Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 191(2), 296(b), 115(2), 118(1), 351(2) of BNS Act, in Crime No.112 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.



2. The case of the prosecution is that due to previous enmity relating to Mariyamman Kovil Festival fund, the petitioners along with other accused abused the defacto complainant in filthy language and attacked him with hands and wooden log.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners only attempted to settle the dispute and due to previous enmity, the defacto complainant has falsely implicated them in the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged and are ready to cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that no one sustained any serious injury in the occurrence. It is further submitted that the occurrence arose out of a dispute relating to temple festival funds. Hence, he 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.



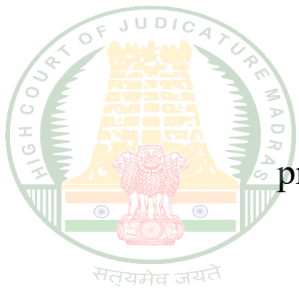
6. This Court is of the view that from the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), no one has sustained injury in the occurrence.

The occurrence appears to have taken place in furtherance of a dispute relating to temple fund. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, the age of petitioners 1 to 3, and the fact that the FIR was registered on 02.06.2026, this Court is of the view that at this length of time custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required, 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 I, Kallakurichi**, on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a bond each 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;

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(c) the petitioner is directed to stay at Trichy District and report before the Srirangam Police Station, Trichy daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter report before the respondent police 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.

15-06-2026

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Varanjaram Police Station,
Kallakurichi District.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

3. The Judicial Magistrate I, Kallakurichi.



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