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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

Crl.O.P.No.16035 of 2026

- 1.Sasi @ Sasikumar
- 2.Subash
- 3.Madhan @ Mathan
- 4.Bakthavachalam
- 5.Boobalan
- 6.Mani @ Manikandan
- 7.Ponnurangam

... Petitioner(s)

Vs.

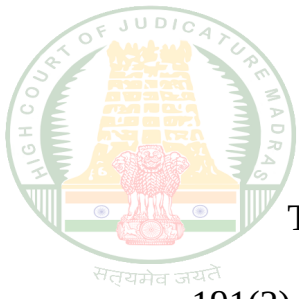
State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Valavanoor Police Station,
Villupuram District.
Crime No.168 of 2026

... Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023 to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in connection with Crime No.168 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.A.Vijayakumar

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



ORDER

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 329(4), 296(b), 118(1), 115(2) & 351(3) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of the TNPHW Act in Crime No.168 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, owing to a quarrel that arose over a dance performance conducted during the temple festival, the petitioners allegedly assaulted the de facto complainant using a brick, a cricket bat, and a knife, and thereafter threatened him with dire consequences. On the basis of the said allegations, the present case has been registered.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioners have also lodged a complaint against the defacto complainant and the same was registered in Crime No.169 of 2026 and in order to counter that, the present complaint has been lodged by the defacto complainant. Hence, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail, reiterated the



prosecution case and fairly submitted that the injured has been discharged from the hospital.

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5. Taking into consideration the totality of the circumstances, particularly the fact that the injured has already been discharged from the hospital, that some of the co-accused were arrested and subsequently released on bail, and that the alleged occurrence took place on 28.04.2026 whereas the FIR came to be registered on 29.04.2026, this Court is of the considered view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not required at this length of time. Hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.

6. 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, Additional Mahila Court, Villupuram on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) each, with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and on further conditions:

(a) If the petitioner(s) 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



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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(s) shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of 15 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 petitioner(s) in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner(s) 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(s) thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Additional Mahila Court, Villupuram.
2. The Inspector of Police, Valavanoor Police Station, Villupuram District.
3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras



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