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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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..Petitioner

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Pallikonda Police Station,
Pallikonda,
Vellore District.

..Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.97/2026 pending on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner:

Mr.B. Jawahar

For Respondent:

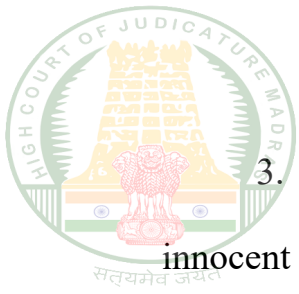
Ms.R.S.Indira

Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 332(c), 126(2), 324(2), 303(2) of BNSS in Crime No. 97 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 29.05.2026, the petitioner, along with the other accused, engaged in illegal fishing in a village lake where fishing was prohibited. Hence, the complaint.



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

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution's case and submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents. However, she opposed the grant of 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.

6. Considering the totality of the circumstances, the nature of the allegations, the fact that the occurrence took place on 29.05.2026, and that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, this Court is of the view that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required at this stage. Hence, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail, 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



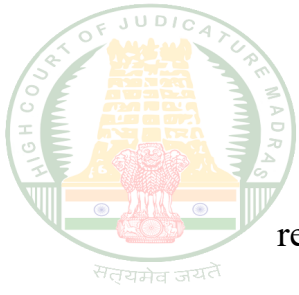
on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.V, Vellore** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only)**, with **two sureties each**, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, 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 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 shall 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 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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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Pallikonda Police Station,
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Vellore District.

2.The Judicial Magistrate No.V, Vellore.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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