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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30561 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012509122026}

1. Lalkumar @ Lal @ Kumar

2. Raj @ Rajiv

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep.by,
The Sub Inspector of Police
Arakkonam Town Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Cr.No.443/2026

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER

This Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS praying to enlarge the petitioners on Anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Cr.No. 443/2026 on the file of the respondent pending investigation.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.K.Nepolean

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 4(3) of Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws (Amendment) Act and Section 318(4) of BNS **in Crime No.443 of 2026** on the file of the respondent police seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution, as projected by the respondent State, is that the petitioners were found actively engaged in illegal gambling activities, in direct violation of the relevant provisions of the gaming laws, thereby warranting criminal action.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and a false case has been foisted against them and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this Court.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions.

6. Considering the nature of the allegations and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, this Court is of the firm 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, Arakkonam** on condition that **each of the petitioners 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 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;

(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

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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 am for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required;**

(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 are 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No I,
   Arakkonam

2. The Sub Inspector of Police
   Arakkonam Town Police Station,
   Ranipet District.

3. The Public Prosecutor,
   High Court, Chennai.

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