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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 30659 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012522082026}

1. Karnasagar
   S/o Sakthivel,
   Arachi Kuppam, Panruti Taluk,
   Cuddalore District.

2. Sakthivel
   S/o Ramachandran,
   Arachi Kuppam, Panruti Taluk,
   Cuddalore District.

3. Kavitha
   W/o Sakthivel,
   Arachi Kuppam, Panruti Taluk,
   Cuddalore District.

4. Gayathri
   W/o Agamth Suhail,
   Arachi Kuppam, Panruti Taluk,
   Cuddalore District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Jayankondam,
Ariyalur District.
in Crime No. 52 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 anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.56 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police and thus render Justice.

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For Petitioner(s): S Saravanakumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Crl. Side)

Order

The petitioners apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 85, 296(b) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Woman (Amendment) Act, 2002 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 in Crime No.52 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner is the husband, second and third petitioners are father and mother of the first petitioner and the fourth petitioner is the sister of the first petitioner and all the petitioners are close family members, residing at the same address and are law-abiding citizens. The marriage between the first petitioner and the defacto complainant was solemnized on 22.08.2025 at Panruti TM Dhandapani Thirumana Mahal. The petitioners allegedly demanded additional dowry, including a car and jewels, and subjected the defacto complainant to harassment. The third petitioner allegedly took her jewels. The first petitioner allegedly neglected her, denied physical intimacy and subjected her to mental cruelty. The petitioners allegedly subjected the defacto complainant to matrimonial cruelty, demanded a

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car and jewels, and threatened her family. On 13.12.2025, the first petitioner left her at her parents' house and issued a divorce notice. Consequently, a case was registered in Crime No.52 of 2026.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that an earlier complaint on the same set of facts was investigated and closed, but a similar complaint was subsequently registered on 08.08.2026 in Crime No.52 of 2026. The petitioners have no criminal antecedents and undertake not to threaten witnesses or tamper with evidence. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submits that the first petitioner had demanded additional dowry. He further submitted that no previous case is pending against them. Hence, he opposes the grant of anticipatory bail.

5.Considering the nature of the allegations and the circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15)

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days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Pondicherry, Puducherry District,** on condition that **the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 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 Nos.1 to 3 shall report before the respondent Police, daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(d) The fourth petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, as and when required;

(e) 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

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by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***P.K.Shaji v. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560];***

(f) If the petitioner 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,
Pondicherry,
Puducherry District.

2.The Inspector of Police
All Women Police Station,
Jayankondam,
Ariyalur District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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