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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. 30759 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012561202026}

G.Tamilselvan
S/o Govindasamy,
No.3/174 A, Asiya Nagar,
Kattur, Thiruvarur.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep. by, The Inspector of Police
District Crime Branch,
Ariyalur District.
Crime No.Not Known of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Act, 2023, praying to enlarge the Petitioner herein an Anticipatory Bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the Cr.No.0012 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent/Police and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Kingston Jerold
For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Rajasekaran, Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)
For Intervener: Mr.R.Rajmohan

ORDER

The petitioner, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 318(4) and 351(3) of BNS in Crime No.0012 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The case of the prosecution is that this is a commercial dispute arising out of the supply of casuarina wood. The de facto complainant supplied wood to the petitioner, who, in turn, supplied it to the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (TNCSC). Failing to settle the dues, the present complaint was filed.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the de facto complainant supplied wood worth Rs. 3.6 crores, against which the petitioner has already made payments, leaving a balance of Rs. 25 lakhs. However, the complainant alleges that the petitioner is liable to pay an additional sum of Rs. 1,000/- per tonne. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prayed for the grant of 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 investigation is still pending. Therefore, he opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to the submissions made by both sides.

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6. According to the de facto complainant, a sum of approximately Rs. 69 lakhs remains due and payable. Considering that the dispute is purely commercial in nature and arises from the non-payment of money for goods supplied, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, 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-I, Ariyalur,** on condition that **the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen 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 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 shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10:30 A.M., for a period of two weeks 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 in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner was 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS Act.

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To

1. Judicial Magistrate-I, Ariyalur.

2.The Inspector of Police
District Crime Branch,
Ariyalur District.
Crime No.Not Known of 2026.

3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.

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