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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. 31001 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012563722026}

Saravanan
S/o. Mariappan,
No.71, Perumal Agaram
4th Cross Street,
Periyar Nagar,
Thiruverkadu,
Ayappakkam,
ThiruvallurDistrict.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep.by,
The Inspector of Police
Ayappakkam Police Station,
Avadi, Thiruvallur District.
Crime No. 278 of 2026.

..Respondent(s)

To enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 278 of 2026 on the file of the Respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. A. Tamilselvan

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

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Act in Crime No. 278 of 2026, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner illegally transported four units of savdu sand by using tipper lorry. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted 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 (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and, upon instructions, submitted that no previous case has been registered against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given anxious consideration to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also perused the records available.

6. From the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) it is seen that the petitioner has no bad antecedents. Though, this Court views the offence of theft of natural resources and its exploitation as serious offence, taking into consideration of the fact that he has no previous

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case, and upon the fond hope that he would mend themselves in future and would not come under the adverse notice of the respondent, 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, Ambattur** 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 deposit a sum of Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand only) as a non-refundable amount, with the Tamilnadu State Legal Services Authority, High Court of Madras and produce the receipt at the time of**

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executing the bond;

(d) The petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am and 5.30 pm. for a period of six weeks and thereafter 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 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, Ambattur.

2.The Inspector of Police
Ayappakkam Police Station,
Avadi, Thiruvallur District.

3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

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