



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 07/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

Pandiaraj @ Pandiyarajan ... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Vembakkottai Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
Crime No. 337 of 2025..

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Rajeshkumar
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PRAYER :-

C-33AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.
337 of 2025 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS, 2023 (Corresponding section 379 of IPC), r/w section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.337 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and other accused persons were illegally transported 2.5 units of gravel sand without any license. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that one previous case is pending against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and considering the nature of offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Sattur, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and



WEB COPY



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) to the credit of the Headmaster, Head Master, Government Higher Secondary School, Samayanallur, Madurai District, in SBI Account No.35399383409, IFSC No.SBIN0016503, State Bank of India, Samayanallur Branch. This fund shall be utilized for the purpose of purchasing furniture (Benches & Desks) for newly constructed class rooms under 'Namakku Naame' Scheme; on such deposit the learned Magistrate shall accept the sureties;

[c]the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;

[d]the petitioner shall not tamper



WEB COPY



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e]the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[f]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560];

[g]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

PJL

07.01.2026

5/7



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

WEB COPY

- TO
1. Judicial Magistrate No. II, Sattur.
 2. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Vembakkottai Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
 3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



WEB COPY



CRL OP(MD). No.222 of 2026

S.SRIMATHY, J

PJL

ORDER
IN
CRL OP (MD) No.222 of 2026

Date : 07/01/2026