



CRL OP(MD). No.294 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 08/01/2026

PRESENT

**The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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Sethupathi

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu,  
Rep by The Inspector of Police,  
Kadaladi Police Station,  
Ramanathapuram District.  
Crime No.104 of 2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sabbanikarburajothi

For Respondent : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.104 of 2025 on the file of  
the Respondent Police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/accused who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957, in Crime No.104 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the other accused had illegally transported  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit of sand. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submits that one previous case is pending against the petitioner.



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5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the quantity of minerals involved, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, this Petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Kadaladi, Ramanathapuram District, 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 respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;



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(b) The petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) to the credit of the 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.

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m until further orders;

(d) the petitioner shall not tamper with 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 petitioners 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]*; and;



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(g) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS 2023.

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**08.01.2026**

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TO

- 1.The Inspector of Police,  
Kadaladi Police Station,  
Ramanathapuram District.
- 2.The Judicial Magistrate Court,  
Kadaladi, Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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