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CRL OP(MD) NO. 888 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. M Christopher
2. Meena Alies Hepzipa
3. Asha Dharshan
4. Hepzipa

Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Of Tamilnadu Rep By
Inspector Of Police,
Manur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.1279 of 2025

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.R.J.Karthick

For Respondent(s):

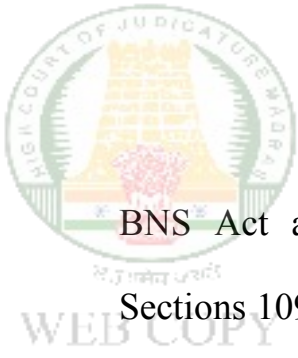
Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

For Intervenor Mr.C.Muthusaravanan

Prayer: C-33AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.1279 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 329(4), 303(2) and 49 of



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BNS Act and Section 3 of TNPPDL Act, corresponding offence under Sections 109, 441 AND 379 OF IPC, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that due to civil dispute the petitioners have abated, trespassed into the agricultural field and stolen the tender coconuts and damaged the motor room. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents submitted that civil dispute is pending between the parties.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the civil dispute is pending between the parties, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, on condition that each of 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



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Magistrate Court-V, Tirunelveli, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a]the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall appear before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation;

[c]the petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[d]the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[e]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners 3 and 4 in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners are 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];

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

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1. The Inspector Of Police, Manur
Police Station
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.1279 of 2025

2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.