



CRL OP(MD). No.976 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 02.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. Thonthikkalai @ Thonthikalai
2. Elangovan
3. Alagusamy

... Petitioners/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,  
Rep By, The Inspector of Police,  
Forest Range Officer,  
Forest Range (Sholavandan),  
Madurai District.  
(WLOR.No.6 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Praveenkumar  
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar  
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.483 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Bail in WLOR No.6 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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**ORDER :** The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.12.2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 2(1) (16), 9, 39, 50 & 51 of Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972, in WLOR No.6 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners are said to have killed the Sambar deer and kept the flesh inside the cover. 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 and they are in judicial custody from 15.12.2025. Hence, he seeks bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there are no previous case pending against the petitioners and the property has



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been recovered. However, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

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5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the property has been recovered and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on executing a separate 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, Vadipatti, and on further conditions that :-

[a] 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.

**[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m., until further**



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**orders.**

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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 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].

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

(S S Y J)  
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1. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Vadipatti.
2. The Superintendent, District Jail,  
Dindigul.
3. The Inspector of Police,  
Forest Range Officer,  
Forest Range (Sholavandan),  
Madurai District.
4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
Madurai.



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**S.SRIMATHY,J.**

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