



CRL OP(MD). No.856 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Dharun Baskar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu

Represented by The Inspector of Police,
Thiruparankundrem AWPS,
Madurai.
(Crime No.25 of 2025)

2. S.Nagapoornima @ Swathi, aged 28

W/o.Dharun Baskar,
D/No.1/115, New Colony, Sekkadi Street,
Samayanallur,
Madurai – 625 402

... Respondents

[R2 is suomotu impleaded as per the order of this Court dated 20.01.2026]

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sivasudhan

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

For Intervenor : Mr.C.M.Mari Chelliah Prabhu



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PRAYER :-For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.25 of 2025 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296, 85, 130, 316, 351, 61(2) of BNS and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, in Crime No.25 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein had married the defacto complainant. After the marriage, the petitioner along with his family members had demanded dowry from her and also tortured her. Hence, the complaint.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that due to some dispute, a false case has been given. He further submitted that he is willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail for the petitioner.



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5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that already co-accused were granted anticipatory bail.

6. The learned counsel for the Intervenor/defacto complainant submitted that the accused persons had harassed the defacto complainant. Hence, he strongly opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the petitioners 2 to 5 were already granted anticipatory bail and therefore, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

8. 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 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 (Additional Mahila), Madurai, within



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a period of fifteen days from the date on which, the order copy was 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 the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the 1st respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[c]the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d]the petitioner 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 2 to 5 in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 2 to 5 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].



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

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To

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