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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 23/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. Ganesan @ Thanga Ganesh,
S/o. Selvaraj,

2. Arumugapandi,
S/o.Moorthy,

... Petitioners/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Sipcot Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
Crime No.34/2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS



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PRAYER :-

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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(C) of Tamilnadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024 and Section 24 of Tamilnadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.34 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of 146 bottles of liquor illegally, without prior permission. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they are no way connected with the alleged occurrence as stated by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seek anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) submitted that the entire property has been recovered and also submitted that the first petitioner is having two previous cases and no previous case is pending against the second petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and the property has been recovered, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thoothukudi, 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thoothukudi, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:



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(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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioners shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) each, 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 Name" Scheme, without prejudice to his contentions and rights before the trial Court, and on such deposit being made, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(c) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

(d) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;



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(f) 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]* and;

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

(S S Y J)
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TO

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



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