



CRL OP(MD). No.1686 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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S.M.Veeramani

... Petitioner / Accused

Versus

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Town North Police Station,
Dindigul District.
(Crime No.771 of 2025)

... Respondent / Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Anto Prince,
Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.771 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 25(1A) and 30 of the Arms Act, 1959, in Crime No.771 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in illegal possession of guns and pistols without any licence. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is a licensed arms dealer who has been carrying on business for more than 40 years. He further submitted that the petitioner had a valid licence, which has since expired, and that he has filed an application for its renewal; however, the same was dismissed by the District Collector. Thereafter, the petitioner has filed an appeal, which is pending consideration. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that six previous cases are pending against the petitioner. Hence, he vehemently opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to 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 made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Dindigul 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



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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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation. He has to co-operate for the investigation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with 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 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;

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

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Dindigul District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Town North Police Station,
Dindigul District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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