



CRL OP(MD). No.1726 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 30/01/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Muthiah ... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
V.K.Puram Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No. 17/2026).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : P.P.Alwin Balan,
Advocate.

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

PRAYER :-

C-33 AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.
17/2026 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 3(2)(a), 4(1), 5(1)(d) of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, in Crime No. 17 of 2026, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the defacto complainant/Inspector of police conducted a raid at the Papanasam Ponram Lodge, arrested two persons and they confessed that the lodge Manager namely, Muthaiya had induced and procured her and other women into prostitution by offering monetary benefits by taking advantage of the absence owner from the station. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is not the owner of the lodge and he is working as Manager. Hence, he seeks anticipatory



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bail to the petitioner.

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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, since the petitioner is Manager, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. 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 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, Ambasamudram, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left



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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 respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m, for a period of one weeks and thereafter as and when required;

[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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid



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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.

(S S Y J)
30.01.2026

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TO

- 1.Judicial Magistrate, Ambasamudram.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
V.K.Puram Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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S.SRIMATHY, J

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