



CRL OP(MD). No.1976 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 03/02/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Vetriselvam

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Madurai Town, Madurai.
(In Crime No. 2 of 2026).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.M. Karthikeyan,
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 2 of 2026 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 9 of Child Marriage Act, 5(i), 5(J)(ii) and 60 of POCSO Act, in Crime No.2 of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner married the victim girl who is aged about 17 years. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that it is case of child marriage and that the petitioner and victim are relatives. Therefore, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that it is a case of child marriage, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with 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 copy made ready, before the learned District Mahila Judge, POCSO Act Cases, Madurai, 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 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;



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(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.

(S S Y J)
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1. The District Mahila Court, POCSO Cases, Madurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Madurai Town, Madurai.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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