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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 11.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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S.Ramanathan

... Petitioner / Accused No.6

Versus

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Thiruchuli Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
(Crime No.157 of 2012)

... Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in S.C.No.254 of 2023 on the file of the learned Additional District Court, Aruppukottai in Crime No.157 of 2012 on the file of the respondent police or on his appearance.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Banuprasath

For Respondent : Mr.M.Karunanithi,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner/accused, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police in S.C. No.254 of 2023 on the file of the learned Additional District Court, Aruppukottai, arising out of Crime No.157 of 2012 for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 294(b), 341, 323, 353 and 336 of IPC and Sections 3(1) and 5 of the Tamil Nadu Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, during the funeral of one Alagu Muthu Kone, the petitioner, along with some other accused persons, formed an unlawful assembly, caused damage to buses, and attacked the public. During the pendency of the case, the petitioner was initially arrested and released on bail. Thereafter, the petitioner failed to appear before the Court on 22.06.2022, and due to his non-appearance, the case was split up. Subsequently, the petitioner is stated to have left India, and hence, a Non-Bailable Warrant was issued against him.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner was earlier arrested in connection with the case and was subsequently released on bail, and that, owing to his absence after leaving India, a Non-Bailable Warrant came to be issued against him. He also submitted that some of the co-accused have already been acquitted in the case, and that the petitioner is now ready to appear before the Court and co-operate with the trial. Accordingly, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that a Non-Bailable Warrant has been pending against the petitioner for a long period. He therefore objected to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials placed on record.



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6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also the undertaking given by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order made ready, before the learned Additional District Court, Aruppukottai, 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 is directed to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only), as non-refundable, to the credit



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of the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Police Benevolent Fund, State Bank of India, Triplicane Branch, Chennai (Account No:-10232923204, IFSC Code:-SBIN0000249, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. Only upon deposit, the learned Magistrate shall accept the sureties;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the learned Trial Court on all working days at 10.30 a.m. till the disposal of the trial;

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

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

(f) 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



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(g) if the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be

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To

- 1.The Additional District Court,
Aruppukottai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruchuli Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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