



CRL OP(MD). No.2870 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 12/02/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Vinothkumar ... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Pudukottai,
Pudukottai District.
Crime No.25/2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : D.Rameshkumar,
Advocate.

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

PRAYER :-

C-58AB.For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.25/2025
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 9(L) r/w 5(1), 6(1) of POCSO Act, in Crime No.25 of 2025, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner fell in love with the victim girl and he married the victim girl under the impression that she attains majority. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and after the complaint only the petitioner came to know that the defacto complainant is a minor. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that the victim is 17 years and the



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petitioner is 34 years and it is a child marriage.

However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and considering the nature of offence, 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 Sessions Judge, Mahila Court/Special Court for the Exclusive Trial of Cases POCSO Act, Pudukottai, 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 thumb impression in the surety bond and



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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, until further orders; the petitioner is directed to register the marriage after the victim attains majority and produce the certificate before the trial Court;

[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



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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];

[f]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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TO

1. Sessions Judge,
Mahila Court/Special Court for the Exclusive Trial of
Cases POCSO Act, Pudukottai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Pudukottai,
Pudukottai District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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S.SRIMATHY, J

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