



CRL OP(MD). No.3339 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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K.Palani Murugan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Keelakarai Police Station,
Keelakarai Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.21 of 2026)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Atham Ali

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.21 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 329(4), 326(g), 296(b), 351(3) of BNS Act 2023, in Crime No.21 of 2026, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that due to previous motive, the petitioner trespassed into the residence of the defacto complainant and poured petrol on her two-wheeler, thereby causing damage. 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 the petitioner trespassed into the



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residence of the defacto complainant and set fire to her two-wheeler, thereby causing damage worth Rs.55,000/-. He further submitted that two previous cases are pending against the petitioner. Therefore, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the nature of the allegation, 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 Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ramanathapuram, 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:



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(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 deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), to the credit of Crime No.21 of 2026 before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ramanathapuram. After receipt of entire amount, the learned Judicial Magistrate, shall deposit the said amount in an interest bearing Fixed Deposit in any Nationalized Bank initially for a period of one year and renew them periodically until the final order/Judgment is passed in the case in Crime No.21 of 2026. The learned Judicial Magistrate or Trial Court shall pass orders regarding entitlement of the said amount in its final order/Judgment.

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m until further orders. He is further directed to surrender his mobile to the respondent police;

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

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during



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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;

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

(S S Y J)
18.02.2026

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Ramanathapuram.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Keelakarai Police Station,
Keelakarai Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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