



CRL OP(MD), No.3349 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Bala Manikandan

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
Mudukulathur Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.35 of 2026)

... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Sivaramakrishnan

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS Act
2023.

PRAYER :-For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.35 of 2026 on the file of
the Respondent Police.ry



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner/Accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(A) & 4(1)(C) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act 2024, in Crime No.35 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the 1st accused was found in illegal possession of 27 bottles of liquor. Based on the confession of 1st accused, the petitioner was added as an accused. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that based on the confession of co-accused, the petitioner was falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail for the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner and the property has been recovered. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the property has been recovered, 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 Judicial Magistrate Court, Mudukulathur, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which, the order copy was 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 the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.00 a.m., for a period of one week and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

[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 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)
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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate Court,
Mudukulathur,
2. The Inspector of Police,
Mudukulathur Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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