



CRL OP(MD). No. 3585 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 10.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1.Karthik
2.Umashanthi
3.Sakthivel
4.Mahalakshmi

...Petitioners/Accused

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station
Thallakulam
Madurai.
(Crime No. 5 of 2026)

2.M.Sobana

*(R2 is suo motu impleaded vide order dated
19.2.2026, in Crl.O.P.(MD) No.3585 of 2026)*

...Respondents

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Sonai
Advocate.

For R1 : Mr.M.Karunanithi
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No. 5 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The first petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 316(2) & 351(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No. 5 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner and the defacto complainant are the husband and wife and other petitioners are the family members of the first petitioner. The petitioners demanded additional dowry and physically and verbally abused her. On 21.01.2026 at about 8.30 p.m., the petitioners demanded additional dowry of 15 sovereigns of gold jewels and refused to allow her to stay and refused to return the dowry articles and threatened her with dire consequences. Hence, the case.



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3. The learned counsel for the first petitioner would submit that the first petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he is no way connected in the above said incident. He has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioners 2 to 4 were already granted anticipatory bail and the first petitioner was also granted interim anticipatory bail by referring the matter to Mediation. Hence, he prayed to grant Anticipatory Bail to the first petitioner and extend the time to execute sureties for the petitioners 2 to 4 as per order dated 19.02.2026.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that based on the complaint given by the defacto complainant, a case has been registered for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 316(2) & 351(2) of BNS, 2023 in Crime No. 5 of 2026. He further submits that the matter has been referred to Mediation by granting anticipatory bail to the petitioners 2 to 4 and interim anticipatory bail to the first petitioner and however, the matter has not been amicably settled. He would further submit that there is a matrimonial dispute between the parties and the first petitioner has no previous case. He would further submit that the



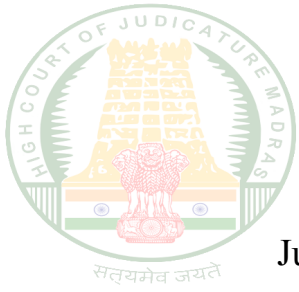
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investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature and hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the first petitioner.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side and the nature of offences charged against the first petitioner and considering the relationship between the parties and considering the facts that the petitioners 2 to 4 were already granted anticipatory bail and the first petitioner was also granted interim anticipatory bail by referring the matter to Mediation and however, the matter has not been settled amicably and no previous case is pending against the first petitioner, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the first petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the first petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on condition to 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



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Judicial Magistrate-II, Madurai, and on further conditions that:

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[b] the first petitioner shall report before the respondent police, on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.

[c] the first petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

[d] the first petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the first petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the first petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the first petitioner 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].



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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be

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7. Since this Court granted Anticipatory Bail to the petitioners 2 to 4 *vide* order dated 19.02.2026 and they have not furnished sureties due to some reasons, the time is extended for another fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready, to execute the sureties.

(P D B J)
10.04.2026

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate-II,
Madurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station
Thallakulam
Madurai.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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P. DHANABAL, J

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