



CRL OP(MD). No.3731 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 23.02.2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Jestin Prabu

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

1.The State of Uttar Pradesh Rep., by,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
Kotwali Nagar,
Fatehpur District.
Uttar Pradesh State.
(Crime No.38 of 2025)

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep., by the Inspector of Police,
S.S.Colony Police Station,
Madurai City. ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : P.Suresh
Advocate.

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

PRAYER :-

C-38AB. For Anticipatory Bail in Crime no.38
of 2025 on the file of the 1st 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 318(2), 308(6) and 319(2) of BNS, 2023, r/w Section 66(C) and 67 of the Information Technology Act, in Crime No.38 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had committed the offence of online fraud. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a false complaint has been given against the petitioner and he has nothing to do with the said allegations. Hence, they seek interim anticipatory bail for the petitioner to enable him to approach the appropriate Court and seek regular anticipatory bail. He further submits that this Court, in similar circumstances, granted interim anticipatory bail to the accused to enable them to seek appropriate bail orders from the concerned



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5. Heard the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents.

6. The issue as to whether, in respect of the persons, who have been accused of a non-bailable offence, committed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Tamil Nadu, and if his arrest is sought within the jurisdiction of this Court, irrespective of the fact that he is a resident of the place over which this Court can grant anticipatory bail under Section 482 of BNSS, came up for consideration before a Division Bench of this Court in the case of ***S.P.Shanthi Swaroop v. State of Tamil Nadu, rep. By Asst. Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, Madras*** reported in ***1992 L.W. (Cr1.) 475***. After elaborate discussion, decisions and considering the ratio laid down by the Patna High Court in ***Syed Safrul Hassan v. State***, the Division Bench has passed the following order :



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"For the foregoing reasons, we hold that the High Court or the Court of Session has got power under Section 438 Cr.P.C. To grant anticipatory bail irrespective of the locale of the Commission of the offence. In other words, in respect of persons who have been accused of a non-bailable offence committed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Tamil Nadu, if their arrest is sought within the jurisdiction of this Court, irrespective of the fact that they are residents of the place over which this Court can grant anticipatory bail. However, we wish to observe that while granting anticipatory bail, this Court has to restrict the relief for a limited period and to direct the concerned persons to move the Court which is having jurisdiction over the matter in the meantime and also impose such condition so as to make the petitioner available for interrogation by the concerned police in the meantime. The reference is answered accordingly."

7. Thereafter, a learned Single Judge of this Court in the case of ***P.Thangavelu and others v. State, rep. By the Inspector of Police and other*** reported in ***2017 (2) MWN (Cr.) 633*** has passed the following order :



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"9.Thus, it is seen that though in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the provisions of [Section 438](#), Cr.P.C., enabling grant of Anticipatory bail has been deleted, still the Courts have power to grant Inter-State Anticipatory Bail, more particularly taking into account the provisions under [Article 21](#) of the Constitution of India. In the light of the above Judgments and discussions, this Court is of the view that Inter-State Anticipatory Bail can be granted to the petitioner for a limited period to enable them seek appropriate Bail Orders from the concerned Court.

10. Accordingly, Interim Anticipatory Bail is granted to the petitioner herein till 01.08.2016. The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on Bail in the event of their arrest or on their appearance before the Judicial Magistrate concerned,



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subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each petitioner shall execute a Personal Bond for a sum of Rs.10,000- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, to the satisfaction of the Respondent-Police or the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the Magistrate concerned;

(ii) within the said period, ie., before 01.08.2016, the petitioner shall appear before the concerned Court of Jurisdiction and move for Anticipatory Bail before the said Court.

11. This Court makes it very clear that Inerim Anticipatory Bail pertaining to Inter-State disputes cannot be sought as a matter of right and it is purely the discretion of the Court in granting the same, considering the facts, circumstances and also the nature of offences. It is also made clear that



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this order, on being produced, shall be punctually observed and executed by all concerned."

8. In view of the decisions cited supra, this Court is inclined to grant interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner for a period of one month. Accordingly, interim anticipatory bail is granted to the petitioner for a period of one month. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the respondent police and on further conditions that :

(i) the petitioners shall execute a Personal Bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.V at Madurai;



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(ii) within the said period of one month the petitioner shall file an appropriate application before the concerned jurisdictional Court for pre-arrest/anticipatory bail.

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TO

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4. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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