



CRL OP(MD). No.4233 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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A.Selvapandi

... Petitioner / Accused
Rank Not Known

Versus

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Tallakulam Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.140 of 2026)

... Respondent / Complainant

PRAYER :-Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.140 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police or on his appearance.

For Petitioner : Mr.Niranjana S.Kumar

For Respondent : Mr.P.Kottai Chamy,
Government Advocate
(Criminal Side)



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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 in Crime No.140 of 2026 for the offence punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant lodged a complaint against the accused/petitioner. It is alleged that, subsequent to the registration of the said complaint, the petitioner criminally intimidated the representatives of the complainant to compel them to withdraw the complaint. Based on the same, a case has been registered against the petitioner for the alleged offences.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner is willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He also submitted that the petitioner has already been granted anticipatory bail in the said case by order dated 20.02.2026 in CrI.O.P. (MD) No.



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3693 of 2026. Accordingly, he prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner had frequently contacted the defacto complainant and threatened him to withdraw the earlier complaint. Hence, he objected to the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials placed on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, and the nature of the dispute between the parties, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance,



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within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Madurai 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:

(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 shall stay at Thanjavur District and report before the Inspector of Police, Thanjavur Taluk Police Station, Thanjavur, daily at 10:30 a.m. until further orders. In view of the said condition imposed by this Court, Condition No.6(b) in Crl.O.P.(MD)No.3693 of 2026, dated 20.02.2026, is modified as “the petitioner shall stay at Thanjavur District and report before the Inspector of Police, Thanjavur Taluk Police Station, Thanjavur, daily at 10:30 a.m. until further orders;**

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



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(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 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

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

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.II,
Madurai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Tallakulam Police Station,
Madurai District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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The Inspector of Police,
Thanjavur Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur.

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