



CRL OP(MD). No.4244 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 26/02/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. Selvam

2. Muthupandi

... Petitioners/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Theni.
(Crime No.2 of 2026).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.N.Anand Padmanaban, Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Alagusundar

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

For Intervenor : Mr.Raja Karthikeyan



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PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.2 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners/Accused, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 61(2) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.2 of 2026, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant sold cardomom worth Rs.2,11,48,083/- to Accused No.1 in the year 2024. Though the goods were delivered and acknowledged, the accused failed to pay the said amount. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that it is case and counter case and that the defacto complainant sold cardomom worth Rs.2,11,48,083/- to Accused No.1 in the year 2024. Though the goods were delivered and acknowledged, the accused failed to pay the said amount.

5. Considering the rival dispute between the petitioners and the defacto complainant and also considering the fact that the dispute arises out of a business transaction, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, this Petition is allowed and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Theni, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police



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Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioners 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.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only), to the credit of Crime No.2 of 2026 before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Theni. 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.2 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;



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

(e) the petitioners shall not abscond either during 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)
26.02.2026

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate, Theni.
2. The Inspector of Police,
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Theni.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

ORDER
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