



CrI.O.P.(MD)No.5509 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 17.03.2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE. K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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Steve Edberk

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Inspector of Police,
Colachel Police Station,
Kanniyakumari District.
(Crime No.51 of 2026)

... Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Sreenivasan

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER in all cases :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 51 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER: The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 332(c), 324(2), 296(b), 115(2), 75(1) and 351(3) of BNS, in Crime No.51 of 2026, on the file of the respondent



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police, seeks anticipatory bail.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that on 21.02.2026, at 07.00 p.m., the petitioner allegedly went to the house of the defacto complainant to see their child. At that time wordy quarrel arose between the petitioner and the defacto complainant wife. Therefore, the petitioner allegedly said to have slapped the defacto complainant. Hence, the present case was registered for the above said offences.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not involved in any such occurrence as alleged in the FIR. He is an innocent person. There is no injury to the defacto complainant. He seeks this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent strongly opposed the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, stating that the petitioner slapped the defacto complainant. However, there is no previous case against the petitioner. The injured in this case has been discharged from the hospital. It is a matrimonial dispute between the husband and wife.



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5.This Court considered the rival submissions and upon perusal of the case material and considering the matrimonial dispute between the parties, there is no previous case against the petitioner and the injured persons have been discharged from the hospital, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with 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 Learned Judicial Magistrate, Eraniel, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order 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.

[b]the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of fifteen days and thereafter, as and when required.

[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.



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[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.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Eraniel.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Colachel Police Station,
Kanniyakumari District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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