



CRL OP(MD). No. 5898 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25.03.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1.Santhan @ Santhana Selvam

2.Muthu Lakshmi

..Petitioners/A1 & A2

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station
Valliyoor,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No. 16 of 2026)

...Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners:Mr.P.Selvakumar
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482
of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No. 16 of
2026 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioners/A1 & A2, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 316 and 351(3) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, in Crime No.16 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner and the defacto complainant are husband and wife. The marriage between the first petitioner and the defacto complainant was solemnized on 15.12.2024. At the time of marriage, the parents of the defacto complainant provided 25 sovereign of jewels. Out of their wedlock, the defacto complainant gave birth to a child. Thereafter, the first petitioner and his family members demanded more dowry from the defacto complainant and treated her cruelly. Hence, the case.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) fairly submits that due to family dispute, the occurrence was happened and the petitioners have no previous cases. However, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioners, and also considering the



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fact that no previous cases pending against the petitioners and there was a family dispute between the parties, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on condition to 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Valliyoor, and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police once in a week ie., on Every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.



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

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

[e] the petitioners 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
petitioners 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



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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

(P D B J)

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To

- 1.The learned Judicial Magistrate, Valliyoor.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station
Valliyoor,
Tirunelveli District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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