



CRL OP(MD). No.6519 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06/04/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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L Mathanraj,
S/o.Loganathan,

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
Kulasekaranpattinam Police Station,
Kulasekaranpattinam,
Thoothukudi District.
Cr.No.156 of 2026..

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.A Robinson,

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS



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PRAYER :-

WEB COPY For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.156 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 for the offences punishable under Section 4(1)(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024 and Section 24 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937, in Crime No.156 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 22.02.2026, based on secret information regarding the illegal sale of liquor at a bar situated near the TASMAC outlet, the defacto complainant along with the police party, proceeded to the location. During surveillance, they found that the petitioner was in illegal possession of 116 bottles of 180 ml liquor and was selling them at a higher price. They also seized 7 bottles of 180 ml Diamond XXX Rum Brandy, 1 bottle of 180 ml OAK VAT Rum, 7 bottles of 650 ml British Empire Beer, and 2 bottles of 650 ml Sterren Beer. Hence, the case.

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3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he is no way connected in the above said incident. He has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that investigation is at initial stage, however no property was recovered from the petitioner and the petitioner has six previous cases. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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 petitioner and the property was not recovered from the petitioner and though the petitioner has six previous cases, in all the cases bail was granted to him, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:



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[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on condition to 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 Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchendur, and on further conditions that:

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

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

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

[e] the petitioner 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 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



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as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.K.Shaji vs.

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State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560].

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

(P D B J)
06.04.2026

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TO

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchendur.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kulasekaranpattinam Police Station,
Kulasekaranpattinam,
Thoothukudi District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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