



CRL OP(MD). No.7588 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/04/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE **MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL**

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1. Abdul Samathu,
S/o.Bashkan,
No.9/316 Middle Street,
Muthukuda,
Avudaiyarkovil Taluk,
Pudukkottai District..

2. Abdul Kathar,
S/o.Abbas,
No.8/39, Middle Street,
Muthukuda,
Avudaiyarkovil Taluk,
Pudukkottai District..

... Petitioners/Accused No.1 & 2

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Forest Ranger,
Aranthani Wild Life Range,
Pudukkottai District.
(W.L.O.R 07/2025).

... Respondent/Complainant



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For Petitioner : Mr.A.Arul Jenifer
for Mr.R.Paranjothi,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.M.Karunanithi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of
BNSS

PRAYER :-

C-33AB To enlarge the petitioners on bail in
the event of his arrest in W.L.O.R.No.07/2025 on
the file of the respondent/Forest Ranger and thus
render justice.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners/A1 and A2, who apprehend
arrest at the hands of the respondent for the
offences punishable under Sections 9, 39(1)(a),
(b), (d), 39(3), a, b, c, 40(2), 50 and 51(2) of
the Wild Life Protection Amendment Act, 2022, in
W.L.O.R.No.07 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent/Forest Ranger, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on
24.12.2025, at about 07.00 a.m., when the

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respondent/Forest Ranger went to patrol duty, they found that the petitioners illegally transported sea cucumber in a stolen bike. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they were falsely implicated in this case and they are no way connected in the above said incident. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent Police would submit that the petitioners have one previous cases. He would further submit that the investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



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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 fact that the alleged occurrence took place on 24.12.2025 and no steps have been taken so far to secure the accused and though the petitioners have one previous case, they were granted bail, and the material part of the investigation might have been completed and and hence, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, 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) with two sureties each for a like



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sum to the satisfaction of the learned
Judicial Magistrate, Aranthangi, and on
further conditions that:

**[b] the petitioners shall report
before the respondent police daily at
10.30 a.m., for a period of 30 days and
thereafter, as and when required for
interrogation.**

[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.



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[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 SCW 5560].

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

(P D B J)
20.04.2026

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- TO
- 1.The learned Judicial Magistrate,
Aranthangi.
 - 2.The Forest Ranger,
Aranthani Wild Life Range,
Pudukkottai District.
 3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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