



CRL OP(MD). No.8152 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 27/04/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1. Jarge @ Georgewashington

2. Balu @ Balasubramanian ... Petitioners/ Accused No.4 & 5

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by,
The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.131/2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.131/2026 on the file of the
respondent police

For Petitioner : A.Banumathy,
Advocate.

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

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(B) and 14(A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024, in Crime No. 131 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 17.04.2026 at about 05.00 p.m, on secret information the respondent police went to the Soorapalli Bye-pass and intercepted a Scooter bearing Reg.No.TN-49-DY-5049 and an Auto bearing Reg.No.TN-49-DY-9588 and on searching found that the accused were in illegal possession of 316 of liquor bottles. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they were falsely implicated in this case and they are no way connected in the above said incident. He would further submit that only based on the confession made by the co-accused, the petitioner were implicated in this case and no previous cases is pending against them. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the accused persons were found in illegal possession of 316 numbers



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of liquor bottles and the offence is grave in nature and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. He would further submit that only based on the confession made by the co-accused, the petitioner were implicated in this case and no previous cases is pending against 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 the petitioners were implicated in this case only based on the confession made by the co-accused and even according to the prosecution, the petitioners are the employee of the TASMACH shop and no previous case is pending against them, 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



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with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Judicial Magistrate, Pattukottai**, and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police, every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the 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.

[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].



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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can

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(P D B J)
27.04.2026

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Pattukottai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Taluk Police Station, Thanjavur District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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