



CRL OP(MD). No. 8762 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 30.04.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1.Marimuthu

2.V.Ajay

...Petitioners/Accused -1 & 2

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by

The District Forest Officer

District Forest Office

Thiruchendur

Thoothukudi.

(WLOR No. 5 of 2025)

...Respondent

For Petitioners : Mr.Haroon Rasheed
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in WLOR No. 5 of 2025 on the file of the
respondent police.

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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 296 of BNS and Section 9, 50, 50(1), 51 of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and Amended 2002 in WLOR No. 5 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 18.11.2025 at about 5.00 p.m. when the defacto complainant was in patrol duty, the petitioners were roaming with the hunting dog and when the same was questioned by the defacto complainant, they assaulted him and criminally intimidated him. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner 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. They have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that for the very same offence, another FIR was registered against



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the petitioners. Hence, he prayed to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that based on the complaint given by the defacto complainant, a case has been registered for the offences punishable under Sections 296 of BNS and Section 9, 50, 50(1), 51 of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and Amended 2002 in WLOR No. 5 of 2025. He would also accept that another FIR was registered for the same occurrence. He would further submit that the investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature and hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioners, and considering the facts that according to the prosecution, another FIR was registered for the same occurrence and considering all other factors, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:



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

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police, on 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



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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 thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

(P D B J)
30.04.2026

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Thiruchendur.
- 2.The District Forest Officer
District Forest Office
Thiruchendur
Thoothukudi.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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