



Crl.O.P.(MD) No.9344 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

[Criminal Jurisdiction]

DATED : 06.05.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1.Eswari

2.Manoj

3.Shruthi

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District.
Crime No.5/2026

... Respondent

For Petitioners : Mr.B.Jeyakumar

For Respondent : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.5 of 2026 on the file of the
respondent-police.



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The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b) and 351(2) of the BNS, 2023 and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002 and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, in Crime No.5 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is the wife of A1 and the petitioners are the in-laws of the defacto complainant. Though at the time of marriage between the defacto complainant and A1, 35 sovereigns of gold jewels and household articles worth about Rs.2 lakhs were given, the defacto complainant was subjected to dowry harassment and cruelty at the hands of the petitioners and others and thereafter she left the matrimonial home. Pursuant to the directions of the learned Judicial Magistrate, a case has been registered against the petitioners and others. The petitioners apprehend arrest.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case and that they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He seeks this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioners, who are the in-laws of the defacto complainant, are arrayed as A2 to A4 and that the husband of the defacto complainant/A1 has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court on 11.03.2026 in Crl.O.P.(MD) No.5175 of 2026.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking into account that there is a matrimonial dispute between the defacto complainant and A1, that the husband of the defacto complainant/A1 has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and that the petitioners are the in-laws of the defacto complainant, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, in the event of their arrest or on their appearance, on condition that they shall 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 Additional Mahila Judge (Judicial Magistrate), Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order is made ready and subject to the following further conditions:

[a] The petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b] The petitioners shall appear before the respondent police as and when required.

[c] The petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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

[e] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed



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and the petitioners are 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].

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

- 1.The Additional Mahila Judge (Judicial Magistrate),
Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Srivilliputhur, Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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