



CRL OP(MD). No.9396 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 07/05/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Kasim

... Petitioner

Vs

The Forest Range Officer,,
Mannavanur District.
Wlor No.1 of 2026.

... Respondent

PRAYER :-

To enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest or surrender in W.L.O.R. No. 1/2026 on the file of the respondent Forest Rangers and thus render justice.

For Petitioner : Mr.Muthukumar,
Advocate.

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 2(15), 2(37), 27, 29, 31, 50, 51 of Wild Life Protection Act and 21(d), 21(e),

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21(f) and 35(b) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act in WLOR No. 1 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner herein allegedly cut down the trees for the purpose of sale by misusing the licence. Hence, the case.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submits that the petitioner is a licence holder and that, over and above the permitted limit under the licence, the petitioner had cut down the trees.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) appearing for the respondent Police.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the nature of allegations made against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.



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6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, on condition that the petitioner shall 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 II, Kodaikanal within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

(a) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 am for a period of one week and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

(c) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;



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(d) the petitioner 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 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 as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]* and;

(f) if the accused/petitioner thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS, 2023.

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TO

1. Judicial Magistrate II, Kodaikanal.
2. The Forest Range Officer,,
Mannavanur District.
Wlor No.1 of 2026..
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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