



CRL OP(MD). No.9646 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/05/2026

PRESENT

The HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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Senguttuvan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Melattur Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.108 of 2026.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr. K. M.Karunakaran,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 108 of 2026 on the file of the
respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the



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respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS, 2023 r/w. 21(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.108 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 14.05.2026, at about 8.00 am., upon receiving secret information, the respondent Police conducted a vehicle check, and at that time, the petitioner herein along with other accused are alleged to have illegally transported 1 ½ unit of river sand by using a Tata Ace vehicle. Hence, a case has been registered against the accused for the aforesaid offences. Hence, this petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution, and his name has been falsely implicated in the case. Hence, he prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) fairly submits that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle, that the property has been



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recovered, that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, and that the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposes the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions made on either side, the nature of the offences charged against the petitioner, and the fact that the property has already been recovered and that no previous case is pending against the petitioner, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to certain conditions.

7. 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 No.III, Thanjavur, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:



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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, 2023.

(R V J)
20.05.2026

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TO

1. Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thanjavur,
2. Inspector of Police, Melattur Police Station, Thanjavur District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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