



CRL OP(MD). No.9699 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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Ranjith Kumar

... Petitioner/3rd Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu Rep by
Inspector of Police,
Saptur Police Station,
Madurai District.
Crime No.73 of 2025.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Balaji,
Advocate.

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.73 of 2025 on the file of the
Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS, 2023 r/w. 21(5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.73 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 21.05.2025, 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ unit of river sand by using a lorry. 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



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that the property has been 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, Peraiyur, Madurai District, 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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[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 once in a month, i.e., on the first working day of every English calendar month at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner 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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate / Trial Court



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himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in

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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, Peraiyur, Madurai District
2. Inspector of Police, Saptur Police Station,
Madurai District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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