



CRL OP(MD). No.9774 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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1.Chanakyan

2.Vanitha

... Petitioners / Accused 1&3

Vs

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by Inspector of Police,
Thilagar Thidal All Women Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Cr.No.7/2026)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.P.Surya

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.7 of 2026 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 85, 318(4) of BNS and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 in Crime No.7 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the first accused is the husband of the defacto-complainant. The second and third accused are the parents of the first petitioner. On 03.02.2023, the marriage was solemnized between the first petitioner and the defacto complainant. Due to wedlock, a male child was born. Thereafter, all the accused persons demanded additional dowry from the defacto complainant and driven her out from the matrimonial home. Hence, this petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that H.M.O.P.No.1173 of 2025 has been filed by the first petitioner before the Family Court,



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Sivagangai. Hence, he prays for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) fairly submits that it is purely a civil dispute and that 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 and the nature of the offences charged against the petitioners, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, on condition that the petitioners 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 Judicial Magistrate No.V, Madurai, 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 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 Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police on the 1st day of every month at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

[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 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



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P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560].

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[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S, 2023.

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TO

1. The Judicial Magistrate No.V, Madurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Thilagar Thidal All Women Police Station,
Madurai District..
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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