



CRL OP(MD). No. 9818 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 25.06.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
DCB Police Station,
Thoothukudi District
(Crime No.5 of 2026)

...Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.D.S.Haroon Rasheed
For Intervenor : Mr.M.Muthu Geethaiyan
For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian
Counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu(Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

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

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-



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The petitioner/A1, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of BNS in Crime No.5 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The defacto complainant in this case is the Internal Superintendent of Arulmighu Subramaniya Swamy Thirukovil at Tirunchendur. The case of the prosecution is that A1 who is the employee of the temple was entrusted with duties relating to the issuance of Rs.100 Maniyadi Special Dharshan tickets, through the temple's computerized ticket sale reports, the temple administration noticed repeated entries marked as 'Reprint' in the ticketing records. Further internal enquiry was ordered and during enquiry it was revealed that the A1 had misused the Integrated Temple Management System with the help of other accused by exploiting the facility available for printing the duplicate tickets, thereby misappropriated a sum of Rs.25,24,100/- Hence the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the respondent police have registered a false case against the petitioner. He would further submit that no materials have been produced by the



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prosecution to implicate the petitioner as an accused. The temple authorities threatened the petitioner as well as other employees as if in order to continue their jobs each of the accused has to pay Rs.5,00,000/- and as they instructed and due to the petitioner's family situation she pledged the jewels and paid the same, therefore they have foisted a false case as against the petitioner, therefore prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the intervenor would submit that the petitioner is the main accused in this case and she along with other accused have misappropriated a sum of Rs.26 lakhs by reprinting the tickets. Huge amount involved in this case and public money has been swindled by the accused persons. There are prima facie materials available as against the petitioner and the offences are grave in nature, thereby objected to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the amount involved in this case is huge, the offences are grave in nature and investigation is pending, thereby strongly objected to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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

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7. Considering the rival submissions on either side, considering the nature of offences and the alleged occurrence took place between 01.07.2025 to 14.05.2026 and all the offences are borne out of records and thereby there is no scope to tamper the evidence and this petitioner during the pendency of anticipatory bail application appeared before the respondent police for interrogation and also material part of the investigation might have been completed and now the petitioner is also under suspension thereby no scope to tamper the evidence and also the fact that no previous case is pending against the petitioner and also considering all other factors, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

[a] Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Thoothukudi 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 Magistrate



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concerned and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, on daily at 10.00 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 himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 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.

(P D B J)
25.06.2026

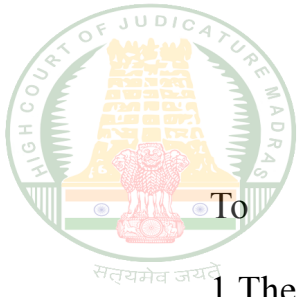
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- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Thoothukudi
2. The Inspector of Police,
DCB Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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