



CRL OP(MD). No.11630 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 19/06/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1. Gopi Raj
2. Arulmani
3. Kaleel Rahman
4. Muthukumar
5. Sowmiya
6. Santhiya Devi
7. Selvaprema
8. Balasubramani

... Petitioners/Accused No.1 to 7 &

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Vs

The State of Tamilnadu Rep By,
The Inspector of Police,
DCB Police Station,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.23 of 2025).

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.23 of 2025 on the file of
the respondent Police.

For Petitioners : K Kavitha,
Advocate.

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For Respondent : Mr.N.Balasubramanian,
Counsel For State of TN (Crl.Side)

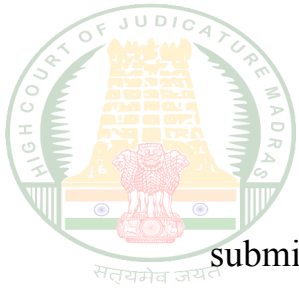
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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent for the offences punishable under Sections 316, 316(4), 318(3), 318(4), 336(3) and 61(2) of BNS, 2023, in Crime No.23 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. According to the prosecution, large-scale irregularities were committed in the conduct of an online examination organized by a private examination agency. It is alleged that certain candidates, in conspiracy with various persons connected with the conduct of the examination, manipulated the examination process and thereby obtained undue advantage over other candidates. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they were falsely implicated in this case and they have no way connected in the above said incident. He would further



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submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioners. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Counsel For State of TN (Crl.Side) would submit that the offence committed by the accused is grave in nature and the investigation is still pending. Hence, he opposes to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. He would further submit that no previous case is pending against the petitioners.

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

6. Considering the rival submissions on either side and the nature of offences charged against the petitioners, and the alleged occurrence was took place on 27.05.2025 and FIR has been registered belatedly on 16.07.2025, by this time, the material part of the investigation might have been completed and even according to the prosecution, all the evidence is borne out by documentary records and therefore, there is no scope for the petitioners to tamper with the evidence and no previous case is pending against the petitioners, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the



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petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

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[a] Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate No.1, Madurai**, 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 concerned and on further conditions that:

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police, every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.

[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



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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 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)
19.06.2026

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To

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



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