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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Date : 25.06.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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Karuna @ Karunanithi

...Petitioner/Accused

Vs

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by  
The Inspector of Police,  
Srirangam Police Station  
Tiruchirappalli.  
(Crime No. 187 of 2026 )

...Respondent

For Petitioner : Mr.R.M.Siranjeevi  
Advocate.

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

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No. 187 of 2026 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, r/w Section 21(1) of MMDR Act in Crime No. 187 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 09.06.2026 at about 12.00 p.m., when the defacto complainant, along with his team, was on patrol, they found that the petitioner was in illegal possession of ½ unit of river sand without any valid permit. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he was falsely implicated in this case and he is no way connected in the above said incident. He has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prayed to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side) would submit that the petitioner was in illegal possession of ½ unit of gravel sand, due



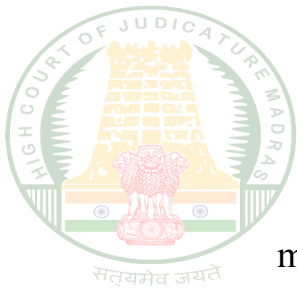
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to which a case has been registered for the offences punishable under Sections 303(2) of BNS, r/w Section 21(1) of MMDR Act in Crime No. 187 of 2026. He would further submit that the petitioner has three previous cases. He would further submit that the investigation is pending and the offences are grave in nature and hence, he opposed to grant 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 offences charged against the petitioner, and considering the quantity of minerals involved in this case and also considering the facts that though the petitioner has three previous cases, in that case the petitioner was granted bail, I am 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 his/her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy



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made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Srirangam, 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 concerned and on further conditions that:

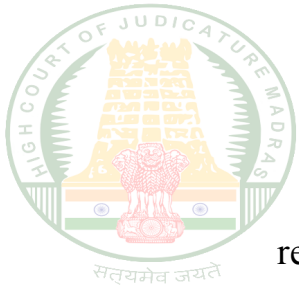
**[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four weeks, and thereafter as and when required for the interrogation.**

[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



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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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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate, Srirangam.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,  
Srirangam Police Station  
Tiruchirappalli.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,  
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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