



CRL OP(MD). No.14461 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 18.02.2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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S.Muthupandi

... Petitioner/ Accused

Vs

The State of Tamilnadu
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
South Gate Police Station,
Madurai City,
Madurai District.
(Crime No.243 of 2025)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Jeyakumaran

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

For Intervenor : Mr.T.Balarathinakumar

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.482 of BNSS

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.243 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police.



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ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) of BNS 2023, in Crime No.243 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was running a jewelry shop in the name of Mazhil Jewelries. The allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner along with other accused persons have cheated the defacto complainant to the tune of Rs.4,15,000/- for making 5 sovereigns of 916 KDM gold Thali chain. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to settle the rest of the persons, however, if the rest of the victims submit any receipt or document to prove the said allegation. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions which may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) submitted that there are totally 23 victims in this case. As per the prosecution, the petitioner has settled for 6 persons only. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and since the petitioner is ready to settle the other victims and also has cooperated for the investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

6. 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 No.4, Madurai, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy is made ready and on further conditions that:

[a]the petitioner and the sureties shall affix
their photographs and left thumb impression in the



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surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m, until further orders; In future, if anybody produce the receipt, the petitioner is directed to settle the same and shall file an undertaking affidavit in this regard at the time of producing sureties before the trial Court;

[c]the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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

[e]On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the



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conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is 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];

[f]If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of BNS.

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To

- 1.Judicial Magistrate No.4, Madurai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
South Gate Police Station,
Madurai City,
Madurai District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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