

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE , DINDIGUL.

**PRESENT: Thiru.V.Padmanabhan, M.A., M.L., D.H.,
Principal Sessions Judge, Dindigul.**

Monday the 20th day of July 2026.



Crl.M.P. No.1671/2026 and Crl.M.P. No.1771/2026
CNR No.TNDG010036872026 and CNR NO. TNDG01002026

Crl.M.P. No.1671/2026

Vinoth Sebastin, 43/2026
S/o.Devasiya Mathai

.. Petitioner/A4.

State through
The Forest Ranger,
Kannivadi Forest Range,
W.L.O.R. No.05/2026

.. Respondent/Complainant

Crl.M.P. Nos.1771/2026

.. Petitioner/A5.

Reji, 58/2026
S/o.Sahadevan

/vs/

State through
The Forest Ranger,
Kannivadi Forest Range,
W.L.O.R. No.05/2026

: Respondent/Complainant

Petition in Crl.M.P. No.1671/2026 dated through e-filed and U/s. 483 of BNSS seeks bail to the petitioner/accused.

Petition in Crl.M.P. No.1771/2026 dated through e-filed and U/s. 483 of BNSS seeks bail to the petitioner/accused.

Both petitions are coming on this day for hearing before me in the presence of Thiru.S.Balasubramanian, learned Counsel for the petitioners in Crl.M.P.No.1671/2026 and of Thiru.S.Balasubramanian, learned Counsel for the petitioners in Crl.M.P.No.1771/2026 and of Thiru.T.Sivachandran, the learned Public Prosecutor for the respondent and heard either side and on perusing all the records, this Court delivered the following.....

ORDER

This petitioner/accused (A4) seeks bail for the alleged offence U/s 2(2), 16,9,39,50,51 of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and Sec.25(1B)(a) Arms Act in Cr.M.P.No.1671/2026.

This petitioner/accused (A5) seeks bail for the alleged offence U/s 2(2), 16,9,39,50,51 of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and Sec.25(1B)(a) Arms Act in Cr.M.P.No.1771/2026.

2. The prosecution case is that the petitioner along with the co-accused persons hunted wild buffalo by using country made gun and turned into meat for which they have no valid license.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners/accused (A4 and A5) would submit that the petitioners did not involve in this case incident as alleged by prosecution; the petitioners are in incarceration from 01.07.2026; if the petitioners are released on bail, they will abide the conditions of this Court and that they may be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned Public Prosecutor contended that investigation is pending; forest officials found that the petitioners and co-accused persons hunted the wild buffalo by using country made gun; the petitioners have not already involved in previous case incident; if they are released on bail, they will abscond and tamper the prosecution witnesses and that petition may be dismissed.

6. Upon hearing both side arguments and on perusal of contents of F.I.R. it is seen that at the time of alleged incident the petitioner and the co-accused persons hunted wild buffalo by country made gun and turned into meat without having valid license. It is fairly conceded on prosecution that no any previous case is reported against the petitioners/accused.

7. Considering the nature of offence, period of incarceration and in the interest of Justice, this Court is inclined to release the petitioners on bail on following conditions;

1. that the petitioners/ accused (A4 and A5) are ordered to be released on bail on their each executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties for a like sum, to the satisfaction of the learned District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Athoor and on further condition that
2. the sureties shall affix their photograph 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.
3. the petitioner/ accused (A4 and A5) shall appear and sign before the respondent Police Station daily at 10.00 a.m. for a period of 3 weeks.
4. the petitioner/ accused (A4 and A5) shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

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5. the petitioner/ accused (A4 and A5) shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.
6. On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner/ accused in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on anticipatory 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].
7. If the accused (A4 and A5) thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under section 269 of BNS.

Pronounced by me in open Court this the 20th day of July 2026.

**Principal Sessions Judge,
Dindigul.**

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The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Athoor.

The Public Prosecutor, Dindigul.

The Forest Ranger, Kannivadi Forest Range,

Thiru.S.Balasubramanian , learned Counsel for the
petitioners.

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