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In the Court of the Principal Sessions Judge, Madurai.

Present : Thiru. S. SIVAKADATCHAM, B.Sc., M.L.,
Principal Sessions Judge, Madurai.

Saturday, this the 7th day of March, 2026.

CrI.M.P.No.867/2026 & 1040/2026.

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Thenarasu, S/o.Nallusamy

... Petitioner/Accused
in CrI.M.P.No.867/2026.

1. Kalaiyarasi @ Kalaiselvi, W/o.Veerapandi

... Petitioners/Accused

2. Mathuri @ Mathavi, W/o.Karthikeyan

in CrI.M.P.No.1040/2026.

Vs

State through the Inspector of Police,
Melavalavu P.S. in Cr.No.193/2025

... Respondent/Complainant
in both petition/e-petition.

This petition/e-petition coming on today for hearing before me in the presence of Ms.G.Ranjitha, Advocate for the petitioner in CrI.M.P.No.867/2026, Thiru.P.Nanthees, Advocate for the petitioners in CrI.M.P.No.1040/2026, and of Public Prosecutor for the State, this court passed the following:

Common Order

1. Bail application in Cr.M.P.No.867/2026 u/s 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS).

2. Anticipatory Bail application in Cr.M.P.No.1040/2026 u/s 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS).

3. Heard both sides.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners/accused would submit that this is the 3rd petition and that the respondent police has registered a case in Cr.No.193/2025 u/s 194(3) of BNSS @ 80(2) of BNS and subsequently arrayed the petitioners as accused in this case. The petitioner/A1 was arrested by the respondent police and remanded to judicial custody on 31.12.2025 and is in custody for the past 67 days. The petitioner/A1 is the husband of the deceased and he is in no way connected with the offence alleged. The petitioners/A2 and A3 are

in-laws of the deceased, they are living separately in their matrimonial house and the couple lived separately. There is no specific overt act against A2 and A3. The petitioners/A2 and A3 apprehend arrest at the hands of police and they are seeking anticipatory bail. Investigation is almost completed. The petitioners have not filed similar petition before the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court or any other court. The petitioners are ready to abide by any conditions that would be imposed by this court and prayed to allow the petitions.

5. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that initially the case was registered u/s 194(3) of BNSS. As per the case of the prosecution, the defacto-complainant is the mother of deceased Aarthi. Marriage between the deceased and A1 took place on 16.07.2025 in the presence of family members and relatives. A2 and A3 are sisters of A1. Right from the date of marriage, the family members of A1 used to scold the defacto-complainant's daughter demanding additional dowry and humiliate her. In the meantime, the defacto-complainant's daughter conceived, but the same was miscarried thrice and hence, she consulted the Doctor, who advised her to come with her husband. The defacto-complainant's daughter asked A1 to meet the Doctor and the defacto-complainant also advised him in this regard. But A1 scolded his wife in abusive words and refused to meet the Doctor and in that angry, he pulled a tuft of her hair and beat her. A2 and A3 have pulled the gold chain from the defacto-complainant's daughter and shouted at her to go and die. While so, on 17.12.2025 at 01.15 p.m., the defacto-complainant received a phone call informing that her daughter committed suicide at her house by hanging. Hence the complaint. Investigation is pending. A2 and A3 are seeking anticipatory bail and objected to grant bail / anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Rival contentions are taken into consideration. The alleged offence against the petitioners/accused is u/s 80(2) of BNS. As per prosecution, the deceased is the wife of A1, that A2 and A3 are sisters of A1, that the defacto-complainant is the mother of deceased, that A1 to A3 have harassed the defacto-complainant's daughter demanding additional dowry and due to the mental agony caused by them,

the defacto-complainant's daughter committed suicide in her matrimonial house by hanging. This is the 3rd petition filed by the petitioners. The learned Public Prosecutor strongly objected stating that within 5 months from the date of marriage, the present occurrence took place and that so far as A2 and A3 are concerned, though they are living separately, A1 to A3 jointly demanded dowry in order to build a new house and humiliated her, as a result, the defacto-complainant's daughter committed suicide and filed written objections. On perusal of FIR, it appears that on 16.12.2025 A1 assaulted the deceased, pulled a tuft of her hair and that A2 and A3 have forcibly taken away the gold chain from her and asked her to go and die and that the present occurrence has taken place on 17.12.2025. A valuable life has been lost. The arrested A1 is in custody only for 67 days. Custodial interrogation of A2 and A3 is very much required. Material part of investigation has not been completed. Considering all these aspects, the gravity of offence, the pending stage of investigation, the specific overt act attributed against the petitioners and the strong objections placed on the side of prosecution, this court is not inclined to grant bail / anticipatory bail to the petitioners at this stage and accordingly, the petitions are liable to be dismissed.

In the result, the petitions are dismissed.

Pronounced by me in the Open Court on the 7th day of March, 2026.

Principal Sessions Judge,
Madurai

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