

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT TIRUVALLUR

Present: Dr. J. JULIET PUSHPA, Ph.D. (Law)

Principal District and Sessions Judge, Tiruvallur

Friday, the 27th day of March, 2026

CrI.M.P.No:691/2026

Logeswaran, S/o Silamban

...Petitioner/Accused

//Versus//

State Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Forest Range Officer, Tiruvallur Range
(WLOr No.3/2025)

.....Respondent/Complainant

Petition dated: 16.02.2026 u/s 482 of BNSS praying to grant anticipatory bail to petitioners

This petition coming on this day for hearing before me having the petition filed by the petitioners Counsel M/s D. Magesh, V. Mano, Thulasi, J. Naveenkumar, E. Sudhakaran, J. Ranjith, the respondent police through the Public Prosecutor, and upon hearing the arguments of both sides, perusing the reply of the Public Prosecutor for the State/Respondent and perusing the records and material and hearing both sides, this court made the following:-

ORDER

Heard arguments of both side. Records perused. Petition filed u/s 482 of BNSS seeking to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner who apprehends arrest in WLOr No.3/2025 on the file of Forest Range Officer, Tiruvallur registered for the offence u/s 2(16), 9, 39(A), (D), (3), 50, 51(1), (2), (3), 52, 56, 57, 58(C) of Wild Life Protection Act 1972.

The learned counsel for the petitioner argued that, petitioner is innocent, he has been falsely implicated only since he is residing in the vicinity of the village, all the offences are triable by Judicial Magistrate Court, only based on the confession of arrested accused, he has been falsely implicated, co-accused was released on bail by the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Tiruvallur in CMP No.220/2026 dated 22.01.2026, he has no bad antecedents, the property of animals have already been seized, this is the 2nd bail petition petitioner is ready to cooperate for investigation and will abide by any condition, therefore prayed for granting the anticipatory bail.

Notice given to concerned police and reply received. The learned Public prosecutor argued that when the defacto complainant who is the Forest Range Officer, Tiruvallur Range was on surveillance on 23.12.2025 at about 11.45 AM, found that the petitioner along with other accused was found illegally smuggling ant-eaters (Pangolin) weighing 10 KG in a three wheeler bearing Reg.No. TN20G2314 near Kakkalur Seven Hills PEB Systems private limited, the said animal is a scheduled Animal and smuggling is prohibited under the Wild Life Protection Act 1972 thus two accused were arrested, based on the complaint, FIR was registered and the investigation is pending.

The petitioners state in this petition/affidavit that there is no similar bail petition is pending before any other Court including Hon'ble High Court, Madras and the respondent has also not stated as to pending of any bail petition before Hon'ble High Court, Madras in this case. Hence, this Court considers that there is no impediment to entertain this petition and pass orders on merits.

As per the reply of the learned Public Prosecutor, investigation is still pending in preliminary stage and the alleged offence is serious in nature.

Therefore, on considering

- (i) grave nature of offence, which is against the welfare of the environment
- (ii) investigation is pending
- (iii) premature stage
- (iv) value of the property allegedly seized,
- (v) the petitioner who seeks anticipatory bail cannot claim parity with the arrested and released accused
- (vi) there is no change in circumstances
- (vii) and also considering other facts and circumstances,

this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner

In the result, this petition is dismissed.

Dictated to the Shorthand Writer and Pronounced by me in Open Court on this 27th day of March ,
2026

**Principal District and Sessions Judge,
Tiruvallur**

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The Petitioner's Advocate M/s D. Magesh
Thiru. S.Murthy, Public Prosecutor for the State
The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Tiruvallur
The Forest Range Officer, Tiruvallur Range