



CIRCULAR

Sub: Judgment dated 18.07.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal No.3053 of 2025 – Direction issued to the Registrar Generals of all the High Courts to consider incorporating a provision while considering Bail Applications in Criminal Side Rules – Placed before the Hon'ble Chief Justice – Directed to place before the Hon'ble Rule Committee (Criminal) – Subsequent Order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal No.825 of 2026, dated 11.02.2026 – Observation made that every petitioner seeking bail, is to disclose all materials details – Submitted – Considered – Circular issued.

- Ref:
1. Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in Criminal Appeal No.3053 of 2025, dated 18.07.2025.
 2. Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in Criminal Appeal No.825 of 2026, dated 11.02.2026.
 3. Minutes of the Hon'ble Rule Committee (Criminal) meeting held on 18.08.2026.

The High Court, Madras, upon consideration of the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Criminal Appeal No.3053 of 2025, dated 18.07.2025 and Criminal Appeal No.825 of 2026, dated 11.02.2026, has directed that the Registry of the High Court, Madras and all the Courts in the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry, must ensure that, in every application seeking bail / anticipatory bail, the following disclosures must be made relating to the antecedents of the petitioner(s):-

“(A) CASE DETAILS

- (i) FIR Number & Date
- (ii) Police Station, District and State

- (iii) Sections invoked.
- (iv) Maximum punishment prescribed.

(B) CUSTODY & PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

- (i) Date of arrest
- (ii) Total period of custody undergone

(C) STATUS OF TRIAL

- (i) Stage of proceedings (Investigation/ Charge sheet/ Cognizance/ Framing of charges/Trial)
- (ii) Total number of witnesses cited in the charge sheet.
- (iii) Number of prosecution witnesses examined.

(D) CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS

- (i) FIR No. & Police Station
- (ii) Sections
- (iii) Status (Pending / Acquitted / Convicted)

(E) PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATIONS

- (i) Court
- (ii) Case No.
- (iii) Outcome of case

(F) COERCIVE PROCESSES

- (i) Whether any Non Bailable Warrant was issued.
- (ii) Whether declared a proclaimed offender

In addition, the Registry of the Criminal Section in Principal Seat and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, are directed to ensure that the following are disclosed in every application seeking bail/anticipatory bail filed before the High Court:-

“Bail applications:- In every application for bail presented to the High Court the petitioner must state whether similar application has or has not been made to the Supreme Court, and if made shall state the result thereof. The Petitioner/Applicant shall also mention whether he/she is/was involved in any other Criminal Case or not. If yes, particulars and decisions thereof. An application which does not contain this information shall be placed before the bench with the necessary information.”

The above directions have to be followed scrupulously without any deviation.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

Dated: 17.09.2026.


17/9/2026
REGISTRAR GENERAL (i/c)

To:

1. All the Registrars, High Court, Madras and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
2. All the Principal District Judges/District Judges in the State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry (With a direction to communicate the Circular to all the Judicial Officers under your jurisdiction).
3. The Joint Registrars (Writs) / (Judicial), High Court of Madras & Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
4. The Deputy Registrars (Grouping) / (Criminal) / (Records), High Court of Madras.
5. The Assistant Registrars (Writs) / (A.S) / (A.E)/ (Criminal Section), High Court of Madras & Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
6. The Sub Assistant Registrars (Writs – I & II)/(A.S. - I & II) / (Crl. Side)/ (A.E), High Court of Madras & The Sub Assistant Registrars (Writs) / (Judicial)/ (A.E) / (Criminal Section), Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
7. The Appeal Examiners / Section Officers (Writ Section) / (Criminal Section) / High Court, Madras and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

8. The Section Officer, "F" section, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
9. The Record Keepers, A.D. Records, High Court, Madras & Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.