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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

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A. Muraleedharun

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police
Udhagamandalam,
The Nilgiris - 643 001.
2. The Inspector of Police
District Crime Branch,
Udhagamandalam,
The Nilgiris - 643 001.
3. The Inspector of Police
Kotagiri Police Station-1,
Kotagiri -643 217.
4. M/s. Geee Emm Tea Factory Pvt. Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Mr.Thatha Gowder Gundan,
Roy Roy Estates,
Nilgiris,
Kotagiri -643 217.
5. Thatha Gowder Gundan,
Managing Director of
M/s. Geee Emm Tea Factory Pvt. Ltd.,
Roy Roy Estates,
Nilgiris, Kotagiri -643 217.
6. Murli Kemchand
Director of M/s. Geee Emm Tea Factory Pvt. Ltd.,
Roy Roy Estates,
Nilgiris, Kotagiri -643 217.



7. K.B.Latha
Village Administrative Officer,
Kotagiri,
The Nilgiris -643 217.

8. Kani Sundaram
Zonal Deputy Thasildar,
Kotagiri, The Nilgiris -643 217.

..Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition (Criminal) filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to call for the records relating to the impugned communication issued by the 2nd respondent dated 21.02.2026, quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and consequently direct the 1st and 2nd respondent police to register the petitioner's complaint dated 05.09.2024 or transfer investigation to other agencies.

For Petitioner: M/s.S.Sushmitha
for Mr.S.Senthilkumar

For Respondents: Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side) for R1 to R3
Mr.V.Prasad for R4 to R6

ORDER

This Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed challenging the communication issued by the second respondent dated 21.02.2026 and seeking a direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to register an FIR in the complaint lodged by the petitioner dated 05.09.2024.



2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

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3. It is seen that, based on the complaint lodged by the petitioner, the second respondent conducted a detailed enquiry and closed the same by report dated 21.02.2026. Once the complaint has been enquired into and closed by the police, the next option available to the petitioner is only to file a private complaint in the manner known to law. That apart, the complaint lodged by the petitioner was duly enquired into and as per the report submitted by the second respondent dated 21.02.2026, no prima facie case is made out for registration of the FIR. After registration of the FIR, the same was closed as “Mistake of Fact” or “Further Action Dropped”. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed a protest petition.

4. In view of the above, this Court finds no infirmity or illegality in the report submitted by the second respondent. Accordingly, this Writ Petition (Criminal) stands dismissed. However, the petitioner is at liberty to file a private complaint in accordance with law. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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