



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-07-2026

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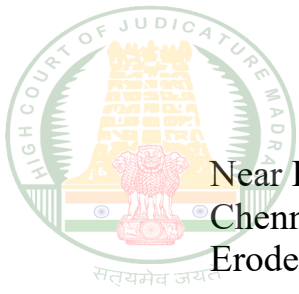
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CRL OP No. 16441 of 2026

and

Crl.M.P.No.10866 of 2026

1. Ramesh (A1)
S/o.Raja,
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Tamilnadu 638 301.
2. Arunkumar (A2)
S/o. Radhakrishnan,
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3. Devaraj (A3)
3/598, Malaikadu,
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Namakkal District.
TamilNadu 638008.
4. Salim (A4)
S/o. Ibrahim,
141, Odaippallam, Old Poondurai Road,
Erode Taluk, Erode District,
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5. Ravichandran (A5)
S/o. Karupaiah,
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Nesavalur Colony, 14 Thottipalayam,
Tiruppur North Taluk,
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6. Rajeshkumar (A6)
S/o. Palanisamy,
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7. Senthilkumar (A7)
S/o. Arumugam,
191, Kaliyamman Kovil Street,
Azhagapuri, A Kalayamuthur, Palani Taluk,
Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu 624 615.
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Thammanchetti Veedhi, Komarapalayam
Agraharam,
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Tamil Nadu 638 183.
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S/o. Sengottaiyan,
2/4, Angamuthu Street,
Bharathi Nagar, P.N. Patty, Karumalaikoodal,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District,
Tamil Nadu 636 402.
10. Elangovan (A10)
S/o. Seerangan,
183/42, Chinnappa Gounder Street,
Karumalaikoodal, Mettur Taluk,
Salem District, Tamil Nadu 636 402.
11. Soorya (A11)
S/o. Eswaran,
2/41, Middle Street,
Thadur, Tiruttani Taluk,
Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu 631 205.
12. Muhamathu Ishaq (A12)
S/o. Muhamathu Anifa,
34, Muthusha Street,
Gobipalayam, Gobichettipalayam Taluk,
Erode District, Tamil Nadu 638 476.



13.E.K. Jeevanantham
Secretary, Royal Village Spots Club,
S/o. Kuppusamy,
Aruvankadu, Kumarapalayam Taluk,
Namakkal District.
Tamil Nadu 638 183.

..Petitioners / Accused

Vs

The State Rep by The Inspector of Police
Kumarapalayam Police Station,
Namakkal District.

..Respondent / De facto
Complainant

Prayer: This Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to call for Records and to quash FIR
in Crime No.468 of 2025, on the file of respondent police, and pass such other
suitable orders as this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner(s):

Ms.R.Vaishnavi for Ms.R.Sripriya

For Respondent(s):

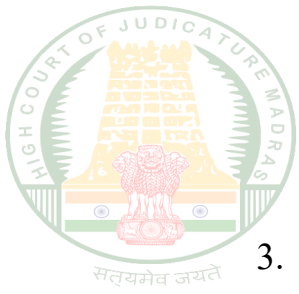
Mr.R.Rajasekaran

Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed seeking to quash the FIR in
Crime No.468 of 2025.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned
Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent. The
materials available on record were also perused.



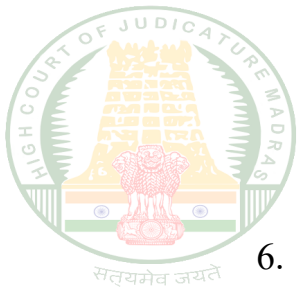
3. It is seen that the case has been registered for the offence under Section 8 and 9 Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws Act, 1930. The gravamen of the allegations contained in the First Information Report is that, upon inspection of a place known as “Village Sports Club”, the police found the accused persons playing a card game known as “Vettatam”, which is alleged to be a game of gambling. A sum of Rs.21,500 and several packs of playing cards were also seized from the premises.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner seeks quashing of the FIR on the following grounds:-

Firstly, it is contended that the place in question is not a private place but an officially licensed club and therefore, the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of the Tamil Nadu Gaming and Police Laws Act, 1930, would not be attracted.

Secondly, reliance is placed on certain earlier decisions wherein it has been held that card games are games of skill and do not amount to gambling.

5. The learned counsel further submitted that the investigation is being conducted by the first informant himself.

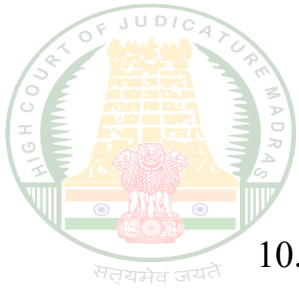


6. I have considered the submissions made on behalf of the learned counsel for the petitioner.

7. Insofar as the contention that the place is a licensed club and not a private place is concerned, the same cannot, by itself, be a ground to quash the FIR. The matter requires investigation, and the existence verified during the course of investigation.

8. With regard to the contention that the game involved is a game of skill, it is to be noted that judicial precedents have held that the game of Rummy is a game of skill. However, the said principle cannot automatically be extended to every card game. Whether the game in question is predominantly a game of skill or one of chance is also a matter that requires investigation.

9. As regards the contention that the investigation is being conducted by the first informant himself, the charge sheet has not yet been filed. Therefore, the FIR cannot be quashed on that ground alone. However, the respondent would do well to transfer the investigation to another officer and have the investigation carried out by a person other than the first informant.



10. With the above observations and directions, the Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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To

1. The Inspector of Police
Komarapalayam Police Station,
Namakkal District.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

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