

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-07-2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CRL.O.P.No.16591 of 2026

and CRL.M.P.Nos.10977 & 10980 of 2026

Vivek Hanumantha Rao
S/o. Hanumantha Rao,
Jeni Enclave,
Flat No.1A, No.66,
Raju Nagar 1st Main Road,
Raj nagar, Thoraipakkam,
Chennai - 600 097.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The State
Rep.by, the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Economic Offences Wing-II, HQRS,
Ashok Nagar,
Chennai - 600 083

2. A.Kumar
S/o. Arumugam
No.9, Thiru.V.Ka.Street,
Vethachalam Nagar, Kanchipuram District.

..Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to quash the proceedings in CC.No.07/2022
pending on the file of this Court in Cr.No.16/2022 on the file of the respondent
Police and pass such further orders.

For Petitioner:

Mr.K.Mayurapriyan

For Respondents:

Mr.Mohamed Riyaz,
Government Advocate (Criminal side) For R1

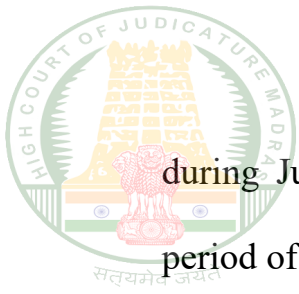


ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition is filed with a prayer to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.7 of 2022 pending on the file of the Special Judge for TNPID cases, Chennai.

2. Upon considering the First Information Report (F.I.R) and the final report filed by the police, it can be seen that certain companies, namely LNS International Financial Services Limited and other entities have indulged in floating a scheme to the general public, collecting deposits and thereafter, cheated them without repaying them.

3. The petitioner is arrayed as the 17th accused. The case of the petitioner is that even from the materials filed by the prosecution along with the final report, it would be clear that the petitioner was inducted as a Director only for 7 days in one company and 2 days in another company. It is the case of the petitioner that he is a B.E. graduate and on the bonafide belief that it is a genuine job, he entered the Company and upon realising that all is not well with the Company, the petitioner immediately resigned from the Directorship. This aspect is not at all considered by the Investigation Officer. The petitioner is not a beneficiary of even a single rupee and he has been unnecessarily arrayed as an accused. Even the entry of the petitioner as the company's Director is only



during July 2022, which is much after the case got registered, i.e. after the period of offences in which the depositors were cheated.

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4. I also heard the learned Additional Public Prosecutor who submitted that, in this case, there are totally 5519 victims and what is filed is only a preliminary charge sheet and further investigation is being proceeded and so far, complaints to the tune of Rupees 840 crores have been received at their end.

5. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the records of the case.

6. Firstly, the submission that is made by the learned counsel for the petitioner is factual in nature. The contentions that the petitioner was not the beneficiary and he was not involved in the conspiracy, should all be established before the Trial Court by of appropriate proceedings. In these kind of cases, where there are large number of Directors, and large number of concerns are involved in cheating huge number of persons, this Court should not conduct a mini trial or a forensic analysis as to the relative roles at an early and premature stage, which would only pave way for the disintegration of the case and will allow the prime accused to escape from the punishment. It will always be open to the petitioner to raise the ground that he was also a poor victim, being inducted as a Director and he did not get any financial benefit. If the same comes out in trial,



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then automatically the Trial Court will consider the same during the course of the Trial.

7. With the aforesaid observations and the liberty being kept open to the petitioner, the prayer made as such to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.7 of 2022 pending on the file of the Special Judge for TNPID cases, Chennai cannot be entertained. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

01-07-2026

Neutral Citation: No

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To:

- 1) The Special Court for TNPID cases,
Chennai.
- 2) The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Economic Offences Wing-II, HQRS,
Ashok Nagar, Chennai - 600 083
- 3) The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.

Order made in
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