



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

**CRL OP No. 17046 of 2026
and Crl.M.P.Nos.11324 & 11326 of 2026**

1. R.Neelakandan
S/o. M.S.Rajarathinam,
No.52/47, Polachi Amman Koil Street,
Arakkonam Town, Ranipet District.
2. S.Nagarajan
S/o. A.T.Subramanian,
No.12, Katcheri Street,
Kaspa, Arcot, Ranipet District.
3. C.Vijayan
S/o. Chinnadurai,
No.45, Gowthamapuram,
Kainur Village,
Arakkonam, Ranipet District.
4. G.Thanigachalam
S/o.Ganapathi,
No.11/A,8/1 Bajanai Koil Street,
Arcot, Ranipet District.
5. G.V.Prakash
S/o. Veerasamy,
No.10B, Tholkaapiyar Street,
Arcot, Ranipet District.
6. K.Kasi
S/o. Kumarasamy,
No.7/75, Draupadi Amman Koil Street,
Manthangal,
Ranipet District.
7. M.Varadhan
S/o. Manivannan,



No.35/1, Nabigal Nayagam Street,
Arcot,
Ranipet District.

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8. T.V.Rajesh
S/o. Velayutham,
No.730, Postal Nagar,
Walajahpet,
Ranipet District.
9. S.Jegan
S/o. Sugadev,
No.30, Nattamai Raji Street,
Arcot,
Ranipet District.
- 10.K.Manikandan
S/o. Karthikeyan,
No.23/1, Othavadai Street,
Arcot,
Ranipet District.
- 11.J.Raja @ Walaja Raja
S/o. Jaganathan,
No.69, Thiru Othavadai Street,
Walajahpet,
Ranipet District.
- 12.S.Ravi
S/o. Sundaramoorthi,
No.3/78C, Thagara Kuppam Salai,
Anathalai Post,
Walajahpet,
Ranipet District.
- 13.J.Muthuvel
S/o. Jayaraman,
No.1/439/A, Indira Nagar,
Thalanur Village,
Arcot,
Ranipet District.
- 14.B.Parimala



W/o. Babu,
No.24/4, Gandhi Road,
Palanipet,
Arakkonam,
Ranipet District.

15.P.Krishnamoorthy
S/o. Pandu,
No.8, Ethuraj Nagar,
Mosur Road,
Arakkonam,
Ranipet District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

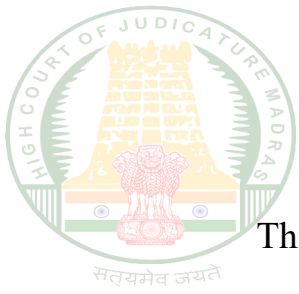
1. State Rep.by, The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Cr.No.501/2024.
2. M.Kalyanakumar
S/o.Duraivel,
Village Administrative Officer,
Pinji and Manthangal Village,
Walajah,
Ranipet District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 528 of BNSS, to call for the records relating to the STC.No.104 of 2026 on the file of the District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Ranipet District and quash the same by allowing this Criminal Original Petition.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Vijaya Babu

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
Government Advocate (Criminal Side) For R1

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition is filed to quash the proceedings in STC No.104 of 2026 on the file of the Court of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Ranipet District.

2. I have heard Mr.D.Vijaya Babu, the learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Mohammed Riyaz, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the 1st respondent.

3. Upon considering the final report that is filed it can be seen that the same is taken on file for the offences under section 189 (2) and 223 of BNSS, 2023. As far as the offence under Section 223 of BNSS is concerned, in view of the specific bar under Section 215 of BNSS, the FIR could not have been registered and the charge sheet could not have been filed as against the petitioners. Even with reference to the offences, upon considering the nature of allegations, it can only be seen that the petitioners have democratically exercised the right of protest with reference to a public issue on hand. I am of the view that no criminal offence is made out and accordingly the proceedings in STC No.104 of 2026 on the file of the Court of District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Ranipet District shall stand quashed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

03-07-2026

Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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To

1. The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Ranipet District
2. The Inspector of Police,
Ranipet Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Cr.No.501/2024.
3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court of Madras.



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