



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CRL OP No. 18202 of 2026

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Ayyapanthangal,
Chennai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep by The Deputy Superintendent of Police
State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre,
Cyber Crime Wing,
Ashok Nagar,
Chennai - 83.
Crime no.75 of 2024.
2. S.Chidambaram
S/o.Subaiya,
Thandai Village,
Manamelkudi Taluk,
Pudukottai District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This petition is filed under section 528 of BNSs to Quash the FIR bearing Crime no.75/2024 dated 08.11.2024 on the file of the 1st Respondent as against the petitioner herein and pass such further or other order as it may deem fit and proper in the circumstance of the case.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.A.Palaniappan

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Government Advocate(Crl side)



ORDER

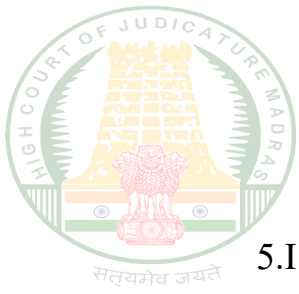
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The petition is filed to quash the FIR in Crime No. 75 of 2024 which was registered for the alleged offence under sections 318(4), 336(3), 66C and D of the Information Technology Act, 2008.

2. Upon perusing the FIR it is case of digital arrest practised on the defacto complainant and on various dates he was threatened and made to part away with the money.

3. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that he is arrayed as A4 and he is in the business of cryptocurrency. When the monies come to him on account to convert into cryptocurrency not even the source will be known and he has no connection whatsoever with A1 to A3. There is no way that he could have known that the monies are proceeds of crime.

4. Per Contra, the learned Government Advocate submits that the petitioner was actively involved in repeatedly converting the money into cryptocurrency and the allegations is that he was in active connivance with A3. The contention of the petitioner is that he is not at all involved in the other accused is factual in nature and cannot be determined as incontrovertible fact at this stage and cannot be interfered at the FIR stage.



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

6. Considering the fact that the case is pending for the past two years, the respondent is directed to expedite the investigation and complete the same and file a final report in any event not later than six months from the date of receipt of the web copy of the order. The contention of the petitioner are all kept open and can be raised at the appropriate forum.

7. With the above observations and directions, this Criminal Original petition stands disposed of.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To.

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police
State Cyber Crime Investigation Centre,
Cyber Crime Wing, Ashok Nagar,
Chennai – 83.

2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras



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