



Crl.O.P.(MD)No.2496 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 09/02/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

CRL OP(MD). No.2496 of 2026

AND

CRL MP(MD). No.2766 of 2026

Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner/Accused Rank
Not Known

Vs

1. State of Tamilnadu Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpatti East Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No. 43 of 2026).

... 1st Respondent/Complainant

2. Anguthai

... 2nd Respondent/Defacto
Complainant

PRAYER :-

To call for the records relating to FIR in Crime No. 43 of 2026 dated 10.01.2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Kovilpatti East Police Station, Thoothukudi District and quash the same as illegal as against the petitioner is concerned.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Rajaboopathy,
Advocate.

For Respondent : M.Sakthi Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

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This petition has been filed to quash the impugned FIR in Crime No. 43 of 2026 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Kovilpatti East Police Station, Thoothukudi District.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 10.01.2026, the petitioner and other accused persons are said to have reached the scene of occurrence in 5 four wheelers in order to garland the Maveeran Sundaralinganar Statue and they blocked the road and raised slogans and insulted other communities and caused inconvenience to the public and traffic. Hence, the first information report was registered in Crime No.43 of 2026 for the offences under Sections 3(5), 281, 133, 132, 293, 126(2) of BNS corresponds to Sections 34, 279, 355, 353, 291, 341 of IPC and Section 3 of TNPPDL Act. Hence, the petition.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner and other co-accused have participated in the occasion of garlanding Maveeran Sundaralingaranar statue said to have happened on 10.01.2026 and on the same day, the first information report was registered against the unknown persons with respect to the damage caused to the public properties and the petitioner is only the driver of the TATA Sumo Car bearing Reg.No.TN-72-AJ-3429. Hence, he sought the indulgence of this Court to quash the impugned FIR.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that though the FIR was registered as against unknown persons, it is clearly mentioned about the registration number of the vehicles in which the hooligans, who have caused damages to the general public as well as public property, were travelling. Further, the petitioner is the driver of one of the vehicles, which is also mentioned in the FIR. Hence, it is obvious that the petitioner had driven the said vehicle, and only on ascertaining the available CCTV footage, he was arrayed as accused No.11. Hence, he prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

6. A careful reading of the records, it is seen that the vehicle number of the petitioner (bearing Reg.No.TN-72-AJ-3429) is clearly mentioned in the FIR. Hence, this Court does not find any merit in this petition.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

09.02.2026

NCC : Yes / No
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TO

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kovilpatti East Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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