



Crl.O.P.(MD).No.14038 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 19.08.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

Crl.O.P(MD)No.14038 of 2026

M.Bagavathi

... Petitioner

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by
The Commissioner of Police,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Palayamkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.0434 of 2026)
3. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Maanur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
4. Arumugam
5. Isakkiammal
6. Muppidathi
7. The Inspector of Police,
Thatchanallur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents



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(R7 is suo motu impleaded as per the order of this Court dated 19.08.2026 in Crl.O.P(MD) No.14038 of 2026)

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to issue a direction directing the respondents 1 to 3 to provide adequate police protection to petitioner based on the petitioner's complaint dated 13.06.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Sivaram

For R1 to R3 & R7 : Mr.B.Arun
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The present petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to provide adequate police protection to the petitioner based upon his complaint dated 13.06.2026.

2. A perusal of the complaint annexed in the typed set of papers reveals that the petitioner has lodged a complaint before the second respondent alone seeking police protection. However, the residence of the petitioner falls within the jurisdiction of the third respondent. There are no records to show



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that the petitioner had made any request to the third respondent to provide police protection.

3. The Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in HCP (MD) No.730 of 2026, dated 12.06.2026 had directed the respondent police to provide police protection to the parties, if required.

4. In such view of the matter, unless the petitioner makes a specific request, the third respondent would not be in a position to provide police protection.

5. Therefore, the petitioner is at liberty to give a request to the seventh respondent, indicating the circumstances for the requirement of police protection to the life and limb of the petitioner. If any such application is received from the petitioner, the seventh respondent is directed to provide adequate police protection as per the orders of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court cited supra.



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6. With the above said observations, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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To

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Tirunelveli District.
3. The Sub Inspector of Police,
Maanur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
4. The Inspector of Police,
Thatchanallur Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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