



CrI.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

WEB COPY

DATED : 17.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

CrI.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

and

CrI.M.P(MD) No.14139 of 2026

T.Ramasamy

... Petitioner/
Accused No.5

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Palani Town Police Station,
Palani, Dindigul District.
(Crime No.366 of 2024)

... 1st Respondent/
Complainant

2.Sasikumar
S/o.Maruthakali
Village Administrative Officer,
Sivagiripatti,
Palani, Dindigul District.

.... 2nd Respondent/Defacto
Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, to call for the records of the impugned FIR in Crime No.366 of 2024 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Palani Town Police Station, Palani, Dindigul District, dated 22.06.2024 and quash the same as illegal in so far as the petitioner is concerned.

1/5



CrI.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

WEB COPY

For Petitioner : Mr.Ananth C.Rajesh
For R1 : Mr.G.Ganesh Kumar
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)

ORDER

The present Criminal Original Petition has been filed by A5 in Crime No.366 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent police seeking to quash the FIR, wherein the petitioner is charged for the offences under Sections 143, 291, 292, 341 and 353 of IPC.

2. A perusal of the FIR reveals that the petitioner along with 173 persons belonging to a political party have unlawfully assembled in Palani - Dindigul bypass road and they were distributing pamphlets as against the ruling party for not initiating proper action as against the sale of illicit arrack in Kallakurichi district.

3. According to the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the petitioner belonging to a political party and had only expressed his protest in a democratic manner and the same cannot be considered to be an offence.



CrL.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

WEB COPY

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record.

5. It could be seen from the averments in the FIR, the petitioner along with 173 persons have protested in a democratic manner, questioning the inaction on the part of the ruling party in not initiating action as against the sale of illicit arrack in a particular district. There is no allegation of any inconvenience to the general public or damage to public property. In such circumstances, the same cannot be considered to be a criminal offence. The other accused persons who have not filed an application for quashing also stand on the same footing.

6. In view of the above said facts, the FIR in Crime No.366 of 2024 on the file of the first respondent police is hereby quashed, not only insofar as the petitioner is concerned, but also in respect of the other accused persons.



CrL.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

WEB COPY

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed.

Consequently connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

17.07.2026

NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
ebsi

To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Palani Town Police Station,
Palani, Dindigul District.
2. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



WEB COPY



CrI.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

R.VIJAYAKUMAR,J.

ebsi

CrI.O.P(MD) No.14586 of 2026

17.07.2026