

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

**DATED : 17.04.2020**

**CORAM:**

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.GOVINDARAJ**

**CRL.OP.NO.7253 OF 2020**

Sakthi Kumar @ Sathya

.... Petitioner

**Vs**

The State Rep. by Inspector of Police  
Ulundurpet Police Station  
Villupuram District.  
(Crime No.237 of 2019)

... Respondent

**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code with a prayer to direct the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Villupuram, / The Special Court, Villupuram, Villupuram District, to consider the bail application of the petitioner herein on the day of surrender pertaining to the Crime No.142 of 2020 on the file of the Ulundurpet Police Station, Villupuram District.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Abdul Samath

For Respondent : Mr.C.Iyyappa Raj  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

This Criminal Original Petition is filed by the petitioner seeking direction to the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Villupuram / The Special Court, Villupuram, Villupuram District, to consider the bail application of the petitioner on his surrender on the same day.

2. As per the provisions contained under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, granting of anticipatory bail is not possible. Therefore, considering the prevailing situation of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) a direction is given to the learned Principal District Judge, Villupuram, to take up and consider the bail petition to be filed by the petitioner, on his surrender, on the very same day and pass orders, on merits and in accordance with law. Notice contemplated under Section 15-A of the Amended Act is dispensed with for the present. It is also relevant to note that calling the victim during lock down period may be detrimental to his health also. Till such time, the respondent Police is

directed not to precipitate the matter. The above order is passed considering the totality of the circumstances.

3. This Criminal Original Petition is ordered accordingly.

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To

1.The Principal Sessions Judge  
Villupuram, / The Special Court  
Villupuram, Villupuram District,

2.The Inspector of Police  
Ulundurpet Police Station  
Villupuram District.

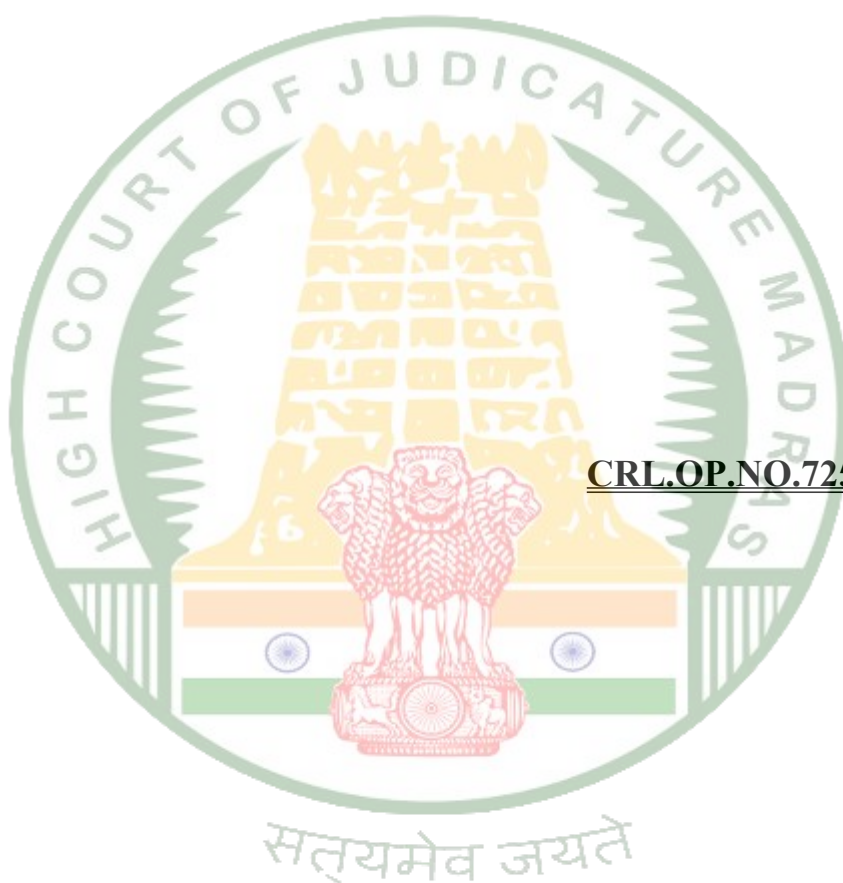
3.The Additional Public Prosecutor  
High Court of Madras  
Madras.

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