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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 498(A), 406 and 420 of IPC r/w Sections 4 and 6 of the Dowry Prohibition Act and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Women Harassment Act in Crime No. Not known of 2022, seek anticipatory bail.

2.Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that the petition enquiry is pending against the petitioners.

3.The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the respondent police is harassing the petitioners under the guise of enquiry.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances, the respondent police is directed to conduct enquiry and if any *prima facie* case is made out against the petitioners, register the F.I.R or close the petition enquiry within a period of two weeks from today. The parties are directed to cooperate with the enquiry and the 2nd petitioner shall appear before the respondent Police if required. It is needless to say that the respondent police shall not take any coercive steps to secure the accused till the completion of enquiry on the complaint lodged by the defacto complainant.



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5. With the above directions, this criminal original petition is disposed of.

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