



Crl.O.P.No.26821 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.11.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

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- 1.Vetrimani
- 2.Viknesh @ Vikneshkumar
- 3.Balamurugan
- 4.Sasi @ Sasitharan
- 5.Kavin @ Kavinkumar

... Petitioners

vs.

- 1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Salem District.

- 2.The State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Ethappur Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.15 of 2022)

... Respondents

Prayer : Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C., to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Salem (Special Judge for SC/ST Act Cases) to consider the bail application of the petitioners concerned in Crime No.15 of 2022 pending trial on the file of the respondent police on their surrender on the same day on such terms and conditions.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Parthiban
For Respondents : Mr.S.Santhosh,
Govt. Advocate (Crl.Side)



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ORDER

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed to direct the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Salem (Special Judge for SC/ST Act Cases) to consider the bail application of the petitioners concerned in Crime No.15 of 2022 pending trial on the file of the respondent police on their surrender on the same day on such terms and conditions.

2. In view of the specific bar under Section 18 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and also taking into consideration of the possibility of misuse of the stringent provision against innocent persons, there shall be a direction to the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Salem (Special Judge for SC/ST Act Cases), to consider the petitioners' bail application, preferably on the same day of their surrender in connection with Crime No.15 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity to the victims under Section 15-A of the SC/ST (POA) Act, 1989. The petitioners shall surrender before the concerned Jurisdictional Court, within a period of fifteen days from the date of the receipt of a copy of this Order.

3. It is needless to say that the Court below while disposing the bail



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petition shall look into the gravity of the offence, previous antecedents of the petitioners and pass orders. Mere direction issued by this Court to consider the bail petition on the same day, does not amount to consider it favourably.

4. In view of the above, this Criminal Original Petition stands allowed.

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Index: Yes/No
Internet: Yes/No
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To

- 1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Salem District.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Ethappur Police Station,
Salem District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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